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HALF IRAQI AIR FORCE DESTROYED

Half the Iraqi air force has been destroyed or put out of action, according to a special R.A.F. communique issued in Cairo last night.

The communique stated that bomber aircraft of the R.A.F. carried out another heavy attack on the Iraqi aerodrome at Mouscat Rashid yesterday.

Severe damage was caused to aerodrome buildings and workshops and at least 22 Iraqi aircraft put out of action.

A number of air combats occurred resulting in several hostile aircraft being disabled.

A railway line was bombed and an armoured train turned back. Many raids were made on Iraqi gun positions, mechanised units and troop concentrations outside Habbaniyah and many direct hits were obtained. These targets were bombed throughout the day.

Direct Hits

In a later raid on Mouscat Rashid aerodrome direct hits were registered on sheds, buildings and aircraft.

Two Iraqi fighters attempting to intercept our bombers were shot down. Our aircraft returned safely to base.

The 25 Iraqi aircraft destroyed would appear to represent half the Iraqi air force, which at the outbreak of war on September 3, 1939, numbered 50, including 36 front-line machines.—Reuter.

VICTORY AT TOBRUK

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A BRITISH VICTORY IN THE THREE-DAY BATTLE OF TOBRUK IS CLAIMED IN CAIRO, WITH AN ASSERTION THAT FIGHTING HAS DIED DOWN.

After suffering terrible losses the Axis columns were forced to recoil for reinforcement and reformation after defeat in a day-long series of attacks.—International News Service.

RAMSAY MUIR PASSES

RAMSAY MUIR, ONE OF THE MOST PROMINENT MEMBERS OF THE LIBERAL PARTY AND A NOTED WRITER ON HISTORICAL, POLITICAL, MUNICIPAL AND ECONOMIC SUBJECTS, DIED YESTERDAY.

AGED 69, He resigned his University professorship and became Member of Parliament and Chairman of the National Liberal Federation. For many years he was a member of the Liberal Party.—Reuter.

EUROPE'S MALIGNED 'COOING DOVE' GIVES REICHSTAG SPEECH

THE USUAL DIATRIBE AGAINST MR. CHURCHILL, WITH AN ADDITIONAL ACCUSATION AGAINST "SO-CALLED DEMOCRACIES ON BOTH SIDES OF THE OCEAN," WAS DELIVERED BY HITLER IN A SPEECH AT THE REICHSTAG SESSION IN BERLIN LAST EVENING.

LONDON GETS ALERT AFTER 8-DAY LULL

London had a night alert for the second night in succession after a lull of eight days.

No gunfire was heard for some time after the alarm.

Raiders were reported over several parts of Britain.—Reuter.

AMERICA'S SHIPPING EFFORT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

WASHINGTON EXPERTS DECLARE THAT 1,000,000 TONS OF SHIPPING, HALF OF WHAT PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT ORDERED, WILL BE AVAILABLE WITHIN A MONTH, FOUR MONTHS BEFORE SCHEDULE.

The Administration is to speed action in the House of Representatives to-day of the Bill to bring 500,000 tons of foreign shipping under immediate American jurisdiction. The Bill will probably be passed in three weeks.—International News Service.

HEAVY RAID ON MALTA

Two separate waves of enemy aircraft heavily raided Malta on Saturday night.

Bombs were dropped indiscriminately, damaging civilian and Government property. Two German bombers were brought down for certain and a third damaged.

A few people were killed and a few seriously injured.—Reuter.

Hitler's arrival at the Reichstag building was heralded by the playing of "Deutschland Uber Alles." After a two-minute pause Hitler entered the hall and all members of the Reichstag rose to their feet.

The members stood in memory of some dozen members who have fallen in the battle. The names of the fallen were read out by Goering.

Hitler began speaking shortly after 6 p.m. and was greeted with tremendous applause and shouts of "Sieg Heil."

Hitler said: "At a time when deeds are everything I do not intend to come before you more than absolutely necessary."

"I turned to you for the first time at the outbreak of war, when thanks to the Franco-British conspiracy against peace, every attempt at a settlement with Poland, otherwise certainly possible, had failed."

"Small Clique!"

"All my attempts to reach with Britain a particularly permanent and friendly cooperation were frustrated by the wish of a small clique, which turned down every Germany proposal for an understanding."

"Moving spirit of this plan, as fanatical as it was diabolical, to get war at any price, was, even at that time, Churchill and his assistants, men who now form his Government. The strongest open and concealed support was accorded these efforts by the so-called great Democracies on both sides of the ocean."

"At a time when discontent was increasing among nations, responsible men there, with their falling art of government, considered they could best master problems for which there was no longer any other solution by a successful war."

"Behind them stood the great international Jewish banks and exchanges."

Peace Offer

Referring to his so-called peace offer after the fall of France, Hitler said the European war-mongers succeeded in inducing populations to continue the struggle, and as once before they were again ready to sacrifice the blood of nations without scruple in the interests of their gold!

Referring to the attack on Yugoslavia and Greece, Hitler said the operation was greatly facilitated by the sympathetic assistance of Hungary and the loyal attitude of Rumania, without which it would have failed.—(Continued on Page 19).

MATSUOKA WEARY OF TRAVEL?

Discarding suggestions that he should go to the United States, Mr. Matsuoka, in an interview at Kyoto yesterday, asserted it would be far more appropriate for President Roosevelt or Mr. Cordell Hull to come to Tokyo to learn about conditions existing in the Orient.

"I have studied America. I know Americans. I can grasp the real situation now existing in the United States but I doubt whether President Roosevelt or Mr. Hull can grasp the true situation in the Far East."

"I believe Japanese-American problems could easily be solved if President Roosevelt or Mr. Hull visited Japan rather than my going to the United States."—Reuter.

R.A.F. station at Habbaniyah, it was revealed in Simla yesterday.

That "sanctuary" was promptly violated by the Iraq forces surrounding the station.

The Imperial troops now in Iraq, despite overt provocation by Iraqi troops, are occupying only certain points essential to fulfilment of the Anglo-Iraq Treaty terms, it was stated in Simla.—

SANCTUARY VIOLATED BY IRAQIS

When tension in Iraq became acute, Rashid Ali offered facilities to the British Minister for the removal of British women and children from Baghdad to the shelter of the

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SIGNIFICANCE IN ROOSEVELT PHRASE?

SPEAKING AT THE DEDICATION OF WOODROW WILSON'S BIRTHPLACE AT STAUNTON, VIRGINIA, AS A NATIONAL SHRINE YESTERDAY, PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT DECLARED THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAD FOUGHT BEFORE AND WERE "EVER READY TO FIGHT AGAIN" FOR THE EXISTENCE OF "DEMOCRACY IN THE WORLD."

The President said Woodrow Wilson taught that Democracy could not survive in isolation. "We applaud his judgment and his faith," the President added.

Declaring the Manse where Woodrow Wilson was born "a new shrine of freedom," President Roosevelt said that by the act of dedication "we are bearing true witness to the faith that is in us, a simple faith in the freedom of Democracy in the world."

"It is the kind of faith for which we have fought before and for the existence of which we are ever ready to fight again."

President Roosevelt expressed faith that Democracy would emerge triumphant from the "tragic conflict which the world witnesses to-day."

ALL RECORDED HISTORY BEARS WITNESS THAT THE HUMAN RACE HAS MADE TRUE ADVANCEMENT ONLY AS IT HAS APPRECIATED HUMAN VALUES.

Destiny Of Sword

"Those unhappy peoples who have placed their sole reliance on the sword have inevitably perished by the sword in the end."

"Physical strength can never permanently withstand the impact of spiritual force."

Lord and Lady Halifax, Mr. and Mrs. Cordell Hull and Mrs. Woodrow Wilson were among the large gathering who applauded strongly when President Roosevelt notified the world that the United States was "ever ready to fight again."

Further cheers greeted the President's declaration that those relying on the sword would perish by it.

Eulogy

The remainder of the President's speech was devoted to an eulogy of Woodrow Wilson as a statesman who tried to bring nearer the day of "emancipation of conscience from power and the substitution of freedom in the government of the world."—Reuter.

UNKNOWN BOY IN WILL TRACED: £200

An eight weeks' search for an unknown boy whom an aged Glasgow shopkeeper, Miss Mary Dempsey, merely referred to in her will as "Master Bruce," ended when it was decided by her solicitor that the boy was thirteen-year-old Robert Bruce, crippled son of an engine driver, of Saracen Street, Glasgow. It is believed that the boy will get £200.

He called at the solicitor's office with his father and was told that he had given enough evidence to prove that he was the boy's claimant.

Robert told the "Daily Mirror" that the first thing he would do with the money would be to repay his parents £20, the cost of an artificial limb which they had just bought him.

CAT IS RAIL TRAVELLER

"Pussy-cat, pussy-cat, where have you been...?" Panda, black and white pet cat of Miss Alice Edmonds, couldn't tell you where he's been, though he's been most places.

He wants to see the world and is probably England's most widely travelled cat.

His mistress, a schoolteacher near Woodborough, Wilts, travels by train from there to Newbury, Berks, and back once, or sometimes twice, a week.

And Panda accompanies her. If she tries to leave him behind he follows her to the station.

When not on a train he's generally to be seen peeping out of the basket on Miss Edmonds's bicycle.

Wears A Collar

Getting ready for a journey is his star turn. He'll carry his own rug downstairs to be packed and sit on his mistress's suitcase until it is time to leave.

He wears a collar and lead and will follow like a dog.

Stationmasters and porters all know him, and once on the train Panda is sure to find a corner seat where he sits up and looks out of the window.

"Panda is a most amazing cat. Almost human," Miss Edmonds's sister, who lives at Newbury, told me.

"He once followed my sister to school, but he must have been disappointed when he found there wasn't a journey the other end. He didn't stay and he never followed her there again."

MUSIC WHILE THEY EAT

A FAMOUS HOME COUNTIES REGIMENT HAS FOUND A NEW WAY OF BRIGHTENING BAR-RACK MEALS — TEATIME DANCE MUSIC BY THE REGIMENTAL BAND.

Hundreds of soldiers greeted the innovation with enthusiasm.

"Latest tunes, with vocal and novelty numbers, were included in the programme," a soldier said.

"The band turned the dull routine of five o'clock tea into something homely. Instead of going into the dining-hall, hastily swallowing tea and rushing out for the evening, the men had to be turned out at the end of the performance."



The Prime Minister being cheered as he walked through damaged areas in Portsmouth. —(Copyright, Fox.)

U.S. ARMY TRAINING FOR "1941-42 WARFARE"

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The U. S. Secretary of Navy promised in a speech yesterday that "in 90 days this nation will be producing more combatant equipment than any country in the world, including Germany."

After reviewing the 44th Division, Col. Knox said the Army was being trained "for 1941-42 kind of warfare. This army will stack up against any in the world."—International News Service.

CZECH PILOTS ARE TOUGH

A Czech Flight Lieutenant, piloting a heavy bomber, recently flew for four and a half hours on a night raid over Germany with what one of his crew described as "half a gale" blowing inside his cockpit.

In the take-off the pilot's escape hatch, which had not been properly fastened, blew open. It was impossible to close it. To have landed immediately would have held up the other aircraft about to take off. The pilot could have circled the aerodrome and have landed when all the others got off, but instead he decided to continue.

"It was just like driving in an open sports car except that we were flying at umpteen thousand feet, and the temperature was minus twenty-five," said an English member of the crew. "I don't know how the pilot stuck at the controls but he got to his target, carried out his attack and brought us back again without once leaving the pilot's seat."

VIGOROUS ACTION BY R.A.F. IN NEAR EAST THEATRES

VIGOROUS ACTION by the R.A.F. in Iraq, the Mediterranean, Libya and Abyssinia is reported in an R.A.F. Middle East communique issued in Cairo.

R.A.F. bombers attacked a convoy of enemy merchant ships escorted by destroyers in the Mediterranean. Direct hits were made on destroyers and three merchant ships of 12,000, 8,000 and 4,000 tons respectively.

R.A.F. bombers heavily attacked petrol dumps and magazines at an Iraqi aerodrome at Mōreat, outside Baghdad. The bombs demolished military buildings and damaged aircraft on the ground.

During this operation the British bombers also shot down an Iraqi aircraft and severely damaged others.

The shelling of Habbaniyah aerodrome by Iraqi guns was resumed early yesterday morning, causing some casualties to non-combatants.

Reply To Fire

In reply British aircraft bombed and machine-gunned mechanised transport, with the result that the shelling was reduced.

Bombers continued to harass the enemy in Cyrenaica.

The aerodrome at Benina was heavily attacked at night. Two Junkers troop-carriers were destroyed by bombs and machine-gun fire, and many others severely damaged.

The aerodrome was again severely bombed in daylight and many other Junkers troop-carriers damaged.

Benghazi Fire

In Benghazi a large fire and violent explosions were caused on military objectives.

The R.A.F. has again given continuous and powerful support to the successful operations of British ground forces in the Amba

Alagi and Faleg, Pass areas of Abyssinia.

Great destruction was caused to enemy fortifications, motor transport and supplies by bombs and machine-gun attacks.

Heavy casualties were inflicted on enemy troops.

From all the foregoing operations, adds the communique, all our aircraft returned safely. —Reuter.

BOY, 13, FIRE HERO

Sturdy Frank Gilbey, of Chapel Street Colchester, Essex, is a thirteen-year-old hero. Firemen were called to a blazing house in Chapel Street. They were told that two children, aged three and two were trapped in a room.

Two firemen tried to fight their way upstairs to rescue them, but they were driven back by dense smoke.

It was only after the children had been given up for lost that they learned that young Frank had fought his way into the house a few minutes before and carried them to safety.

But he had not said a word about it to anyone.

"A little girl told me that the kiddies were trapped," Frank said. "What else could I have done?"

FIGHTING CONTINUES IN IRAQ

Substantial British Reinforcements On Way

Iraqi Attacks Easily Repulsed

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

HEAVY BRITISH REINFORCEMENTS, INCLUDING TANKS AND ARMoured CARS, HAVE BEEN LANDED AT HAIFA EN ROUTE TO IRAQ, WHILE THE R.A.F. HAS GONE INTO ACTION FROM BASES IN PALESTINE, AND THE EXILED IRAQ PREMIER, ADBUL ILLAH, HAS ARRIVED IN TRANS-JORDAN TO MOBILISE AN ARMY TO MARCH AGAINST RASHID ALI.

An Iraqi attack, with the aim of seizing Iraq's only seaport at Basra, has been hammered back by British Imperial troops in the second of two heavy battles raging, though the Iraq troops were supported by artillery.

As the British defenders of besieged Habbaniyah aerodrome fought off repeated Iraqi assaults, British and Indian troops at Basra, 250 miles to the south-east, met native columns north of the port and flung them into retreat.

The Iraq forces opened the attack with artillery but British guns replied and British tanks and motorised units advanced, shattering the Iraqi push.

German reports that 800 Indian troops in the Basra sector went over with their equipment to the Iraqis are officially denied in London.

It is admitted that several British planes were destroyed at Habbaniyah.

German Air Support

It is reliably learned in London that in response to Rashid Ali's appeal the Luftwaffe is diverting squadrons to the Near East.

From the Balkans, Stuka fighters have arrived in the Greek Aegean Islands and the Dodecanese, though a major fleet is en route from Libya.

Although the Iraqis have resumed the heavy bombardment of Habbaniyah the defenders are holding out valiantly.—International News Service.

U.S. AID REACHES SUEZ CANAL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

TWENTY-SIX AMERICAN MERCHANTMEN LOADED WITH WAR MATERIALS HAVE REACHED SUEZ. IT WAS REPORTED YESTERDAY.

In Washington an official denial was issued of the report, which alleged that U.S. warships were escorting the merchantmen.

The Navy Department declared: "No U.S. Navy ships are employed on convoy duty."—International News Service.

EVACUATION ADVISED IN CYPRUS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE GOVERNOR YESTERDAY ADVISED ALL BRITISH CIVILIANS TO EVACUATE CYPRUS VOLUNTARILY.

Nicosia, capital of Cyprus, had its first air raid alarm but no developments occurred.—International News Service.

ANGLO-TURKISH TALK ON IRAQ DEVELOPMENTS

SIR HUGHE Knatchbull-Hugessen, the British Ambassador, saw Dr. Sarajoglu, the Turkish Foreign Minister, yesterday when doubtless, following the usual practice, the Ambassador informed Dr. Sarajoglu of all the latest developments in the Iraqi situation.

The Turks appear to have the fullest understanding and sympathy with Britain's attitude and deplore Rashid Ali's action, which was inspired by the Axis.

His appeal for German help has actively lowered his stock in Ankara because if the Axis could give him effective help, which is regarded as most unlikely, the result would be a further encirclement of Turkey by the Axis.

In unofficial Turkish circles regret is expressed that Britain allowed matters to go so far and did not act earlier in the face of strong German agitation in the Arab States and Iran.

Von Papen

The leading light in the German trouble-making machine in the Near East is believed to be the Nazi Ambassador to Turkey, von Papen, himself, who is returning

to Ankara shortly.

With his return the Reich may be expected to redouble its efforts to embarrass the British.

A statement alleged to have been made by Baghdad radio that the Arabs are fighting in Palestine, may perhaps indicate coming German attempts to cause trouble there.—Reuter.

FAMILIES REACH HAIFA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

British women and children from Iraq are arriving by plane at Haifa and the evacuation is nearing completion.—International News Service.



"Swift and Sure" is their motto and they endeavour to live up to it. Whether it is the delivery of messages or the laying of cables, speed is an essential to this modern arm of the service upon which so much depends. Photo shows some of the motor cyclists, in their crash helmets, about to start off on a cross country run. (Copyright, Fox).

IRAQIAN REGENT SEEKING TO RALLY COUNTRY

IT WAS OFFICIALLY announced in London yesterday that British troops have occupied the airport, dock area and power station at Basra. The Iraqis agreed to withdraw their forces but despite an extension of the time allowed, failed to do so, and the British forces drove them out by bombing and artillery fire.

Meanwhile His Royal Highness Emir Abdul Illah, has issued a proclamation in Palestine calling on Iraqis to rise against Rashid Ali and asserting that "Rashid Ali and other ill-disposed persons, bought by foreign gold, have by force thrust me from my sacred duties as guardian of my nephew, your beloved young King."

Abdul Illah declared: "Under their evil sway the noble land of Iraq has been poisoned by falsehood and lies and brought from the blessings of peace to the horrors of venomous war."

"My duty is plain. I am returning to restore the tarnished honour of my native land and lead it back to peaceful prosperity under the lawfully constituted Government."

"I call upon all true sons of Iraq to drive out this band of traitors and restore to our beloved country true liberty and independence."

Lies And Intrigues

"Recall your sons and brothers from this war, brought upon your hands by the lies and intrigues of foreigners thinking only of their selfish interests."

"Soldiers! Go peacefully to your stations and there peacefully await my restoration of an independent Iraqi constitutional Government."

"Long live King Faisal the Second!"

A Vichy report says Rashid Ali has ordered work on the Iraq Petroleum Company's concession to be suspended, according to a message from Baghdad. It is reported that certain refineries are to continue work for the benefit of Rashid's troops.—Reuter.

ARRESTED IN ERROR — GETS £110 DAMAGES

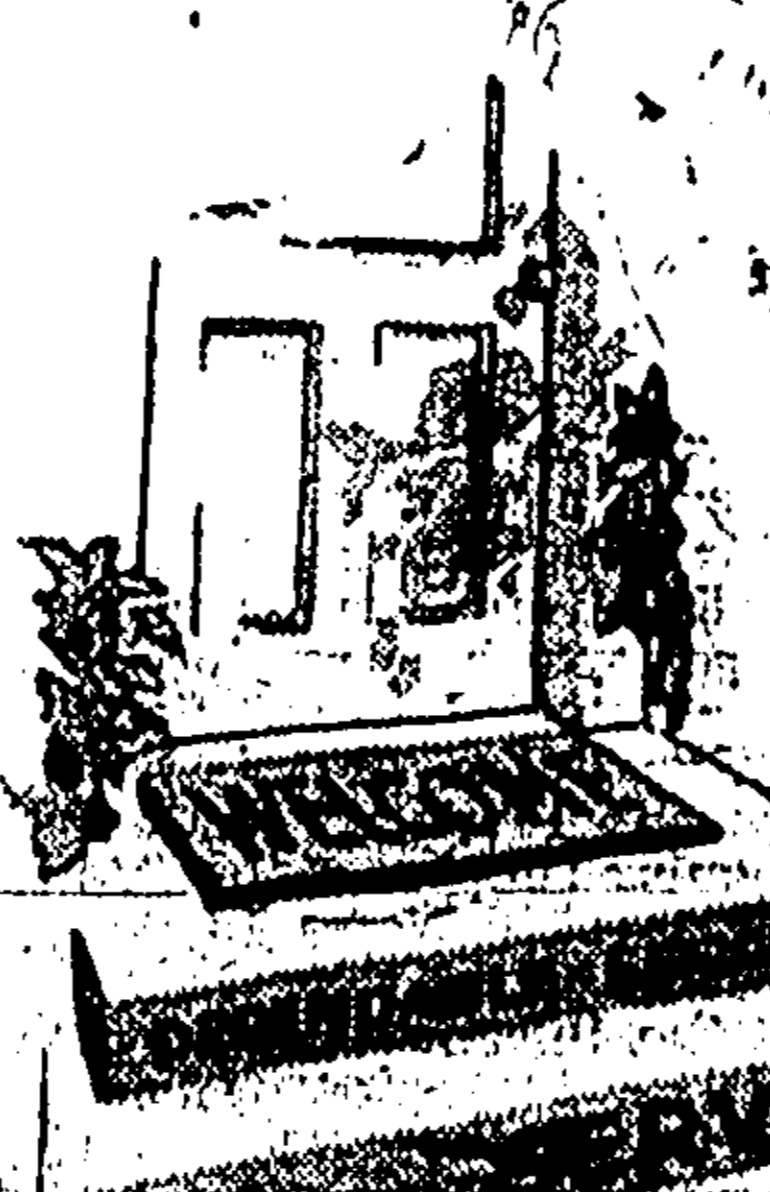
An Australian company director who was mistaken for a "wanted" financier and arrested by detectives was awarded £110 damages for false imprisonment, and costs, in the King's Bench Division.

He was Mr. Hyman Richard Diamond, who sued Detective-Inspector Arthur Reginald Minter and Detective-Sergeants George Arthur Miller and Donald Campbell. They mistook him for John Woolcott Forbes, also an Australian, "wanted" for alleged forgery.

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GERMAN LOSSES IN RAID ON MERSEYSIDE

THE DESTRUCTION by fighters of 14 of 16 enemy bombers shot down during Saturday night was the Fighter Command's most successful night of the war, states an Air Ministry bulletin.
Further claims for the destruction of others are being investigated.

Highest number of raiders previously brought down in one night was 13, and of those one was brought down by A.A. fire and another "by unspecified means."
Saturday night's achievement brings the total down over Britain in the first three nights of May to 21.
In addition one was brought down by British fighters over France on Friday night.
Of 163 brought down in raids on Britain in April, 84 fell to British fighters.

German Losses

Since war began the Luftwaffe in day and night raids on Britain, have now lost 3,327 planes.
Confirming that 16 enemy aircraft were destroyed on Saturday night, an Air Ministry communiqué says one of them was brought down by the balloon barrage and two by A.A. fire.
The remainder were shot down by British fighters, in addition to one over Northern France.
Enemy aircraft crossed the south-east and south-west coasts in daylight yesterday, penetrating a few miles inland, but no bombs hitherto have been reported dropped, Reuter.

ARMY COOPERATION IN THE DESERT

The Army Cooperation Squadron of the Royal Air Force in the Western Desert and Libya has played an important part in the offensive.
Because the work is not so spectacular as that of the fighters and bombers, it is liable to be overlooked.
During the month's offensive which ended in the capture of Bardia, pilots and ground staffs worked at high pressure. In the first phase of the offensive, enemy positions around Sidi Barrani were photographed as late as the afternoon before the attacks and prints showing the sectors they had to attack were in the hands of the local Army commanders in time for the assault the following day.
On one occasion the photographic staff worked for 24 hours on end in order to produce the necessary prints.
The Squadron workshop too has done grand service in keeping the aircraft constantly ready for action.
During the siege of Bardia, the artillery "spotting" for the Australian and British gunners was carried out with great success. "Big Bill of Bardia," with which the enemy used periodically to drop shells into Sollum, caused some difficulty and the Squadron took special steps to locate it.
In the first phase of the war and in the Western Desert, the Squadron was constantly engaged in tactical and photographic reconnaissance; and they have been kept so busily employed all the time that there has been little time for respite, either for pilots or ground crews.

INTERNEES WANT R.A.F. NEWS

Interest in the activities of the Royal Air Force is encountered in unexpected quarters. The German internees in the Isle of Man appear to want to read about the exploits of our airmen in the newspaper which is produced by them (for internal circulation).
The Editor of this paper, "The Onchan Pioneer," has asked for a regular supply of the "Air Ministry Weekly News Letter."
It is hoped that the inhabitants of the "internees' camp at Onchan will derive pleasure as well as profit from what they read of the Royal Air Force in extracts from the News Letter appearing in their own newspaper.

SCHOOLS TO HELP FARMERS

School holidays are to be arranged to coincide with the times when farmers need help.

An Education Board official told a reporter so in explaining an Order issued by the Board.

This empowers local education authorities to close schools at short notice to release children for seasonal farm work.

It does not mean that children will get more holidays or that they will have to work on a farm if their school is closed.

"Many children gave my double help to farmers last year by working during their holidays," said the official.

Willing Volunteers

"The Government is anxious that this willing source of help should be interfered with as little as possible."

"If a farmer needs help he can apply through his county War Agricultural Committee for school-children to be released."

"A census will be taken of children willing to help, and, if the farmer's demands can be met from one school, only that school will be closed."

"It is not expected there will be any lack of volunteers—especially at fruit-picking time."

The Board of Education makes it clear that the Order will be operated with due regard to maintenance of the health and education of the children.

FRIEND MAY CARRY ON GENIUS'S JOB

HIS GREATEST FRIEND MAY COME TO ENGLAND TO CARRY ON THE LATE SIR FREDERICK BANTING'S PROJECTED RESEARCH INTO WARTIME EPIDEMICS

He is Professor Charles Best, of Toronto, of the Banting and Best partnership immortalised nineteen years ago by their discovery of insulin as a cure for diabetes.

Sir Frederick Banting was killed in an air crash.

Professor Best is one of the shyest of men.

When he came to London a few years ago he went to see an American film of the discovery of insulin in which Best was played by an actor who dramatised his share of the work.

Best couldn't sit it out. Shyness drove him from the cinema.

HOUNDED OUT OF WANCHAI

"Tse Fa" gambling establishments in Wanchai are gradually closing down as a result of police activity, over 100 such places having "put up the shutters" during the last fortnight, it is estimated in police quarters.

It has been noted that in most recent cases brought into Court, defendants, contrary to earlier practice, have taken gaol sentences instead of paying fines.

The Police believe that this is a result of an arrangement between the "keepers" and the syndicates, the latter finding it apparently more economical to pay a daily remuneration to the "agent" or "keeper" during imprisonment than to pay the fines imposed.

Establishments in Wanchai, where police surveillance is most alert, are believed to be seeking new pastures.

WEDDING DAY OFF

On the day arranged for the ceremony, it was announced that the marriage between Major Ralph M. Smith, of the Devonshire Regiment, and Miss Veronica Meagher, second daughter of Surgeon Rear-Admiral Meagher, and Mrs. Meagher, of Chichester, Sussex, will not now take place.

Their engagement was made known only nine days ago, when it was stated that the wedding would be at Brompton Oratory. Major Smith is the second son of Mr. Cecil A. Smith and Mrs. Smith, of the Flagstaff, Northam, Devon.

Surgeon Rear-Admiral Edward Thomas Meagher formerly lived at Wimbledon.

This is the seventh broken engagement publicly announced this year.

At Mr. Cecil Smith's home at Northam, North Devon, it was stated: "There is nothing to be said about it. The wedding is definitely off."

SOLD FOR CASH

THE BOMBER FUND RAFFLE WINNERS OF THE SUN-BEAM TALBOT CAR AND THE SAILING YACHT HAVE BOTH CONVERTED THEIR PRIZES INTO CASH.

The Indian Constable who won the car sold it for \$4,500, and the Gloucester Hotel "Captain" who won the yacht obtained \$2,800.

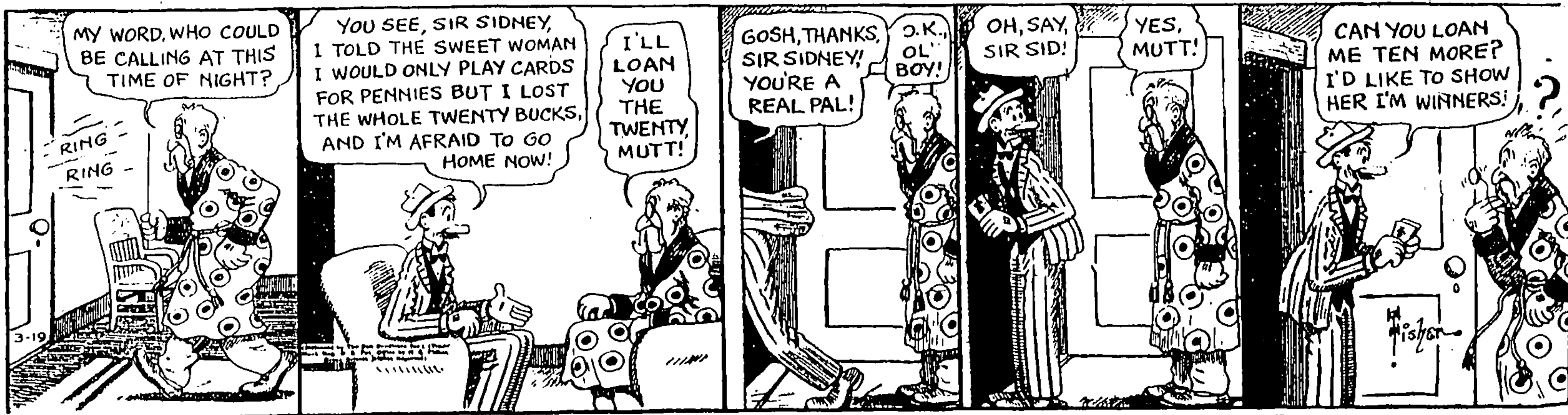
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RABBITS, ONCE PESTS, HELP TO WIN WAR

(By A Special Correspondent)

THE HUMBLE RABBIT, "dratted pest" of the farmer, is assisting Britain to win the war. Not only is its flesh helping to eke out meat rations, but the fur, exported to the United States, is bringing back precious dollars to help pay for vital war materials.

"I'll buy every rabbit skin I can lay my hands on," said Mr. Arthur Budinger, proprietor of a British fur exporting company, to the "Daily Mirror."

"Look at this!" He showed me an order for a quarter of a million skins just received from America.

"I'll take any kind of skin I can get," he said.

"I'll even place contracts for their pelts before the rabbits are born. But skins I must have. For there are plenty more orders coming from the States— and the price is going up."

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Rabbit farms are being started all over the country to produce fine-quality skins, specially for export.

THEY ADOPT 'HUSBANDS'

(BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)

Officers' wives staying near a training camp have adopted "husbands"—men in the ranks who can't darn and sew on a button.

There are a dozen wives and they have adopted a dozen "husbands."

Most of the men have been spoilt by their own wives at home and can't get used to "doing" for themselves.

Their "war wives" meet twice a week to do their mending for them. This scheme at a North Wales camp came about after the officers' wives had heard their husbands grumbling about the untidiness of some married soldiers.

They got together and volunteered to start a sewing bee.

"Now WE get into trouble when a man looks untidy," a young lieutenant's wife told me laughingly.

"We certainly started something."

Every Tuesday and Thursday there is a queue of men waiting outside the barracks medical room which has been lent for the sewing bee.

It is furnished with easy chairs from the sergeants' mess.

The wives press trousers and darn and sew on buttons.

"A Bit Spoiled"

Apart from this, they started an unofficial advice bureau. Domestic wrinkles—on the best way to wash clothes or keep buttons clean—are some of the tips they had out.

Often their advice is asked on what to send the wife for her birthday. They buy the present, too, if they are asked to do so.

Said a young gunner: "There is not much the officers can say when they see us on parade."

Said the colonel: "We're pleased—even if the men are getting a bit spoilt."

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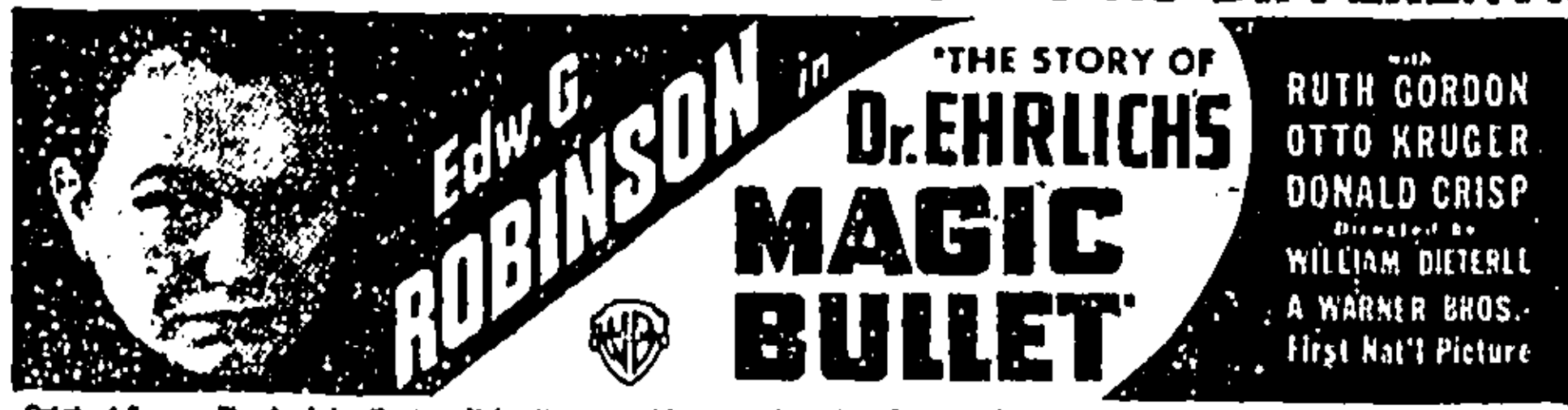
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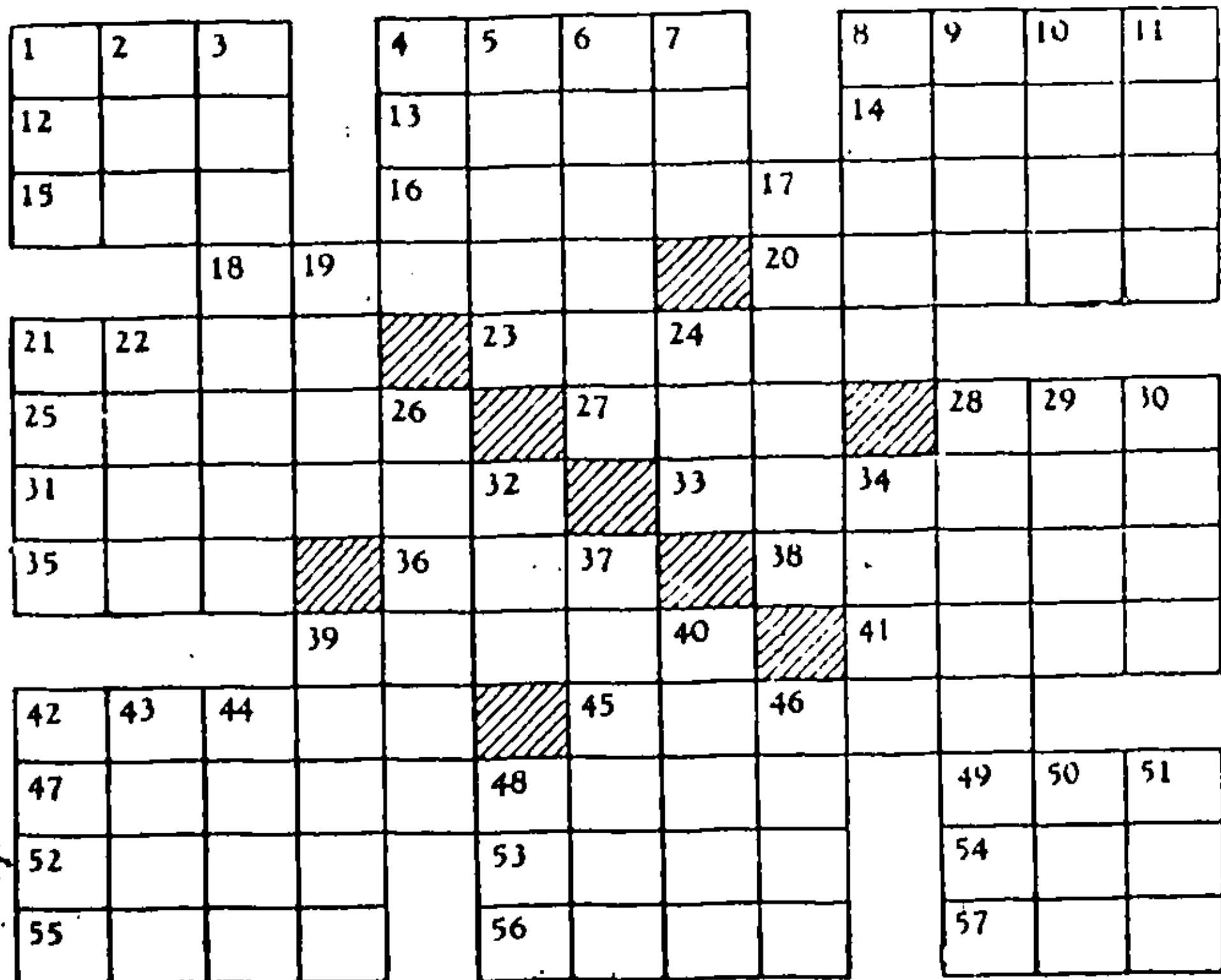
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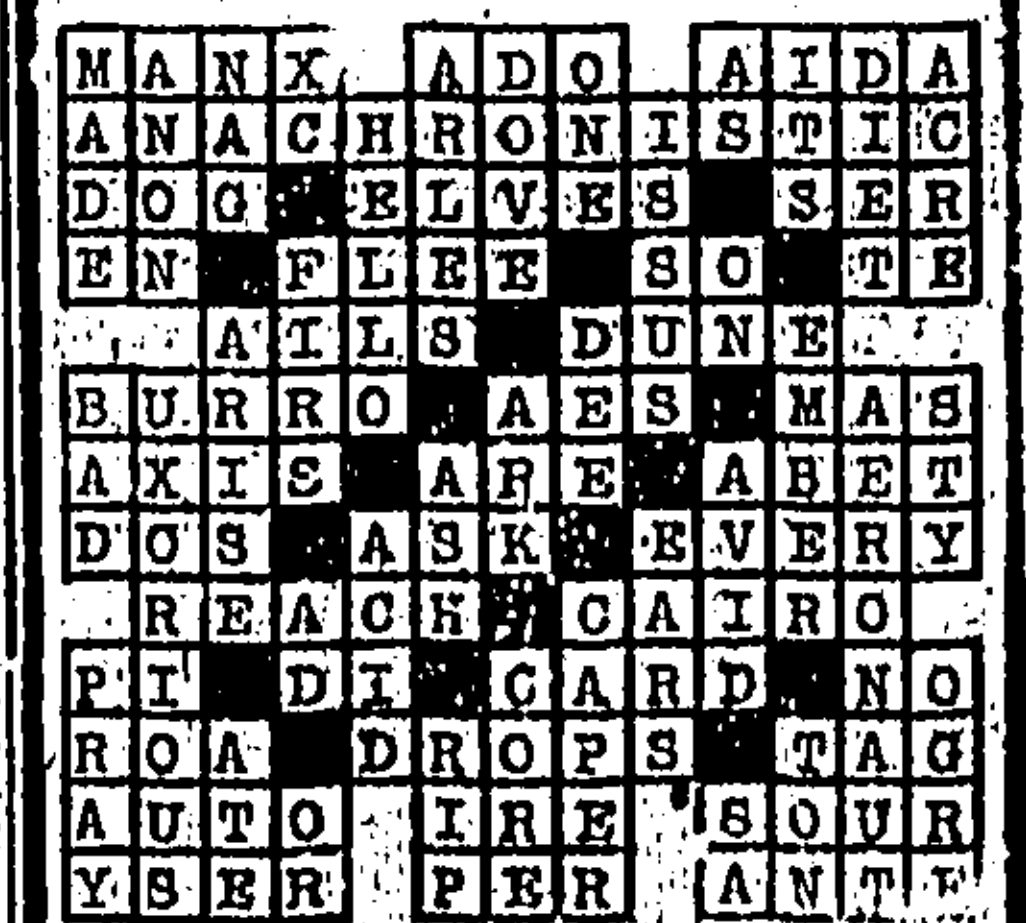
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WHAT HAPPENS TO NERVES WHEN BOMBS BURST?

(By A Special Correspondent)

WHAT HAPPENS to people's nervous systems under aerial bombardment? How can they face death from the skies day after day and not give way to panic? Everywhere I went in England I asked for an explanation of the nation's mass courage. I asked whether Britons were unlike other peoples and whether there was some special reason for the slogan: "England can take it."

There is one easy explanation, but it is only a fraction of the truth. It is this: "These people have no alternative. They've got to take it, because there's no place to go. It's a long swim to Iceland."

The British Government must have wondered about that too, because a survey has been made of the morale of the working class. The result, still unpublished, shows them more determined than ever to see it through to victory.

The deeper reasons behind the British attitude involve both the individual and mass reactions to danger from the skies. What happens inside an average individual is something like this:

The Land Mine

At first you feel helpless but you don't know quite what to expect. You have read about air raids, but the printed words seem impersonal and far away. You feel a little foolish about going to an air raid shelter. You hear the guns and the planes overhead, but if you're lucky nothing drops near you and later you think really it wasn't bad.

Then you hear what happened to your friends. Their house was hit, and you see what happened to a row of tenements in the East End, and you are scared. Nobody can see the effect of a land mine and not be scared. A land mine is a six-foot coffin of death. It floats gently to earth under a huge, green silk parachute, and about 20 seconds after it comes to rest it explodes with enough force to wipe out half a block of houses. The censor won't let you mention a land mine in the British newspapers but everybody knows about them and says with grim humour:

"When you see a land mine, run like hell for 19 seconds and then fall flat on your face. But you really can't run far enough so you might as well stay where you are."

Join The Crowd

So you are uneasy because you know it's all a matter of chance and you can't do anything about it. But you can live with fear just so long. You may not get rid of the fear but eventually you begin to set up a defence mechanism against it. The Government tries to help by giving jobs to as many persons as possible so they will be too busy to think about fear. If you're in a crowd your nerve is better. That is one reason why thousands spend their nights in crowded subway shelters.

When you can joke about it, that helps too. Your worst moment may be when you hear a plane overhead at night and you argue about whether it's a friend or foe. Finally, somebody says he knows a sure way to tell a British plane from a German plane. The British plane, he says, goes: "woo-woo-woo-woo." But the German plane goes: "woo-woo-woo-woo bang!"

You keep away from windows during a raid, but you tell yourself that, after all, there is only one chance in 75,000 that a bomb will hit you to-night. You know that a 1,000-pound bomb went through six floors of the building next door, but your apartment is on the second floor and you have heard that the second floor is the safest.

Defence Mechanism Works

You walk past a big street intersection in London and see where a 2,000-pound bomb tore through four feet of pavement, exploded in a crowded subway station and, caved in a circle of paving 150 feet in diameter. But you tell yourself that such horrors don't affect you because a bomb either has your number on

it or it hasn't, and there's no sense hiding underground.

You go into the street during a raid, because you know that after all there isn't any protection against a direct hit.

When you reach that stage, your defence mechanism is working. You can begin to tell yourself that you're no longer scared. You probably are still scared but that doesn't matter. You flop down against the wall of a building when you hear a big one coming and you lie there wondering whether the next two (they usually are dropped in three's) will be close or farther away. Your friends may suddenly disappear under the flimsy tops of cocktail tables in the lounge of a swank hotel because a wild whistling noise interrupted a good story. But that, you say, is merely sensible precaution. There may be more anguish over ruined silk stockings than the effect of the whistle bomb.

Panic Unknown

After a while you aren't surprised when girls in evening dress leap out of a taxicab, grab a sand-bag from the street corner and extinguish a fire bomb, and you can laugh at the French army officer who arrived in London during an air raid and concluded: "The English are loco. When a bomb falls in the street they don't run away from it; they run toward it."

The normal conditioning process plus the fact that air raids on civilians developed gradually helped to decide the attitude of the masses and prevent panic which government officials had feared.

The mass of workers in London, for instance, is not too imaginative. They take pride in following the example set by the nation's leaders in an emergency. After each raid they feel a sort of personal triumph over the Germans because they survived. If they do suffer personal loss, there is anger to back up their defiance.

The middle class Briton is dogged and imperturbable—sometimes to an extreme that is irritating to an outsider. If he chooses to regard anything as contrary to his way of life, he simply ignores it, even a bomb.

Traditions Upheld

The idea of "business as usual" prevails until the walls come tumbling down and there is sure to be a sign stuck on the debris next day giving a new address.

Tradition is back of the upper classes. It is the same tradition that built an empire, that prompts King George to scorn an armoured car during a raid, that sent boys from Harrow into the air last September to face odds of 20 to 1. They had been trained to responsibility and leadership and if they failed to set an example the nation would fall. They had the old school tradition that "a man must not let his side down."

ARMY BREAK BLACK-OUT

Magistrates is a south coast town, holding that the worst black-out offenders are the military, decided to write to the War Office about it.

"It is scandalous," declared the chairman. "The military seem to ignore everybody and do what they like, so we are going direct to headquarters."

"The other night there were brilliant lights coming from certain military quarters."

U.S. "IN BY SUMMER"

"We shall be lucky in we're not in the war before the summer," said General Hugh Johnson, U. S. columnist and former N. R. A. administrator, in a speech in Pittsburgh.

The greatest danger America faced, he said, was in the Pacific.

"NO" TO £5,000 A YEAR

Mr. Tom Johnston, Secretary of State for Scotland, refuses to accept the salary of £5,000 a year which goes with the office.

"I am determined, as when I was Regional Commissioner for Scotland, to make no addition to my personal income as a result of any service I can yield to the State during the war," he told his constituents in West Stirlingshire.

He added that he was also resolved, as before, not to seek re-election at the next General Election.

When he was Scottish Commissioner Mr. Johnston was entitled to £2,500 a year apart from his £600 a year as M.P., but he served without payment.

Two years before the war he said he intended to retire from public life at the next General Election for health reasons, but in April last year he said his idea of retirement was "all off," and as the General Election had been postponed he intended to "carry on as usual."

Mr. Johnston, who is fifty-eight, is a native of Kirkcubright, Dumfriesshire. He has been in public life for over thirty years.

TREASURES ARE SAFE

BRITAIN'S IMPORTANT BUILDINGS AND MONUMENTS—MANY OF THEM TREASURES OF ARCHITECTURAL BEAUTY—WHICH MAY BE BADLY DAMAGED OR DESTROYED BY BOMBS WILL NOT BE ENTIRELY LOST AND FORGOTTEN AFTER THE WAR.

Some of them may even be restored in their original style.

A National Buildings Record has now been established in London. Its wartime task is to make detailed records of buildings of all kinds—churches, Georgian squares, palaces, clubs and old houses with interiors of great beauty.

The National Buildings Record is expected to become a national institution of considerable importance.

"It will play its part, after the war, in matters of reconstruction and re-development by helping to settle vexed questions of what to preserve, what to rebuild and what not to rebuild," a reporter was told.

ITALY BANS "AGONY ADS"

Because they might be used by spy organisations, personal and small bargain advertisements have been banned in the Italian Press.

CHINA MAIL

WINDSOR HOUSE

A DOUBLE DOSE

The ingenious idea of the late Mr. Willett for getting the utmost enjoyment out of our summer days has been seized upon by the war for purposes which he, happily, never contemplated. The Government, having kept "summer time" running throughout the winter, recently decided to add another hour to it during the months from May to August and it came into effect yesterday.

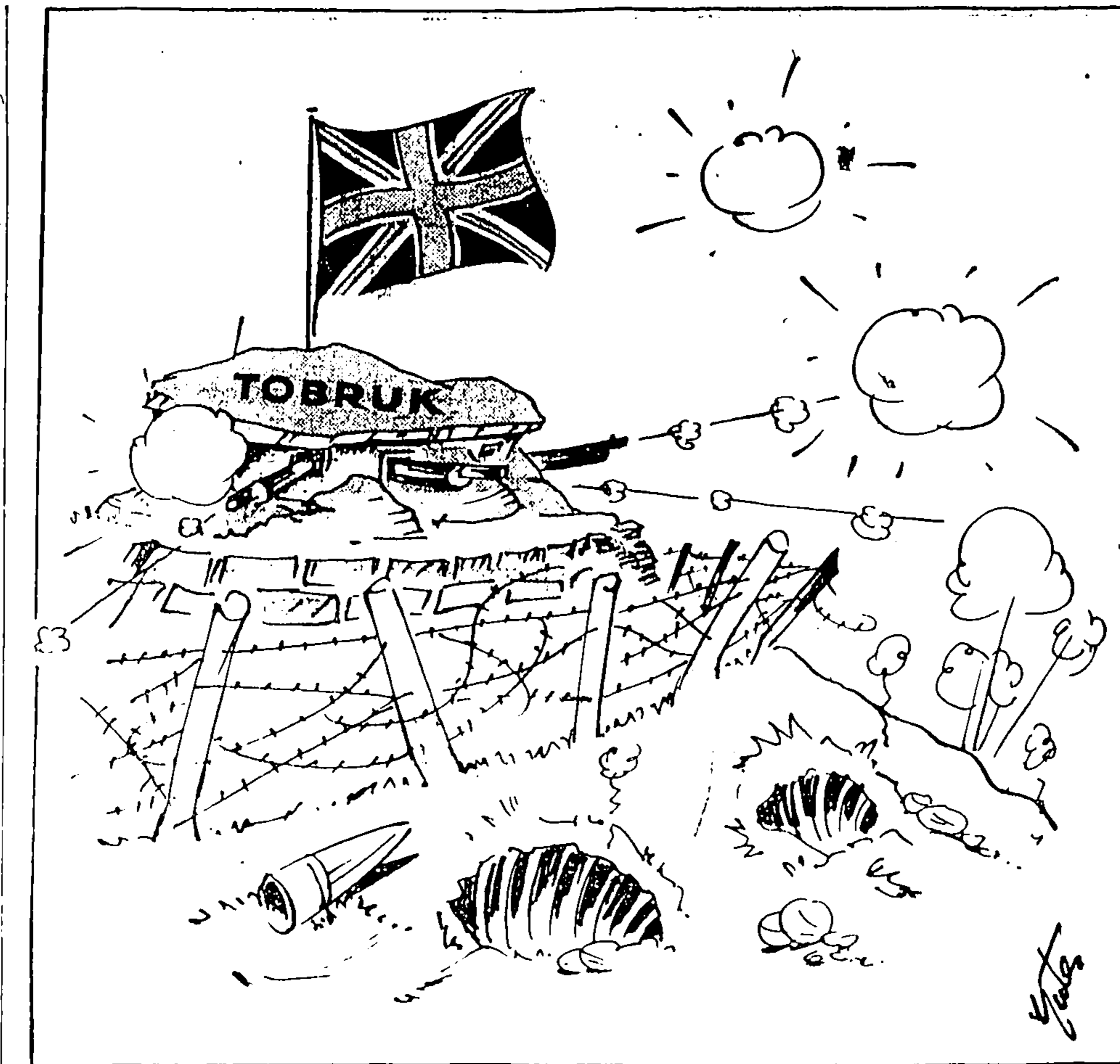
Nobody will imagine in these days that the extra hour is for delectation. Its purpose is to increase the working hours for munition making and for work in the docks and on the railways. For this and for more selfish reasons most people welcome it.

But on the farms it has appeared as a considerable grievance, as creating special difficulties on dairy farms. The cows must be milked at regular intervals. To maintain the hours which custom and the sun have established would put the work of the dairy and the distribution of milk seriously out of step with the life of consumers. Under the new summer time, it has been pointed out, the cowman would have to begin his work at three in the morning. Those who have charge of children, too, will find the problems of bedtime enormously increased.

The Government has recognised these grievances, which were urged with almost dramatic force; but it weighed the advantages and disadvantages against one another and it found that the former preponderate heavily. The cowmen are to adjust their hours by starting later. But there is immense value in the extra hour to transport and industry. It will enable many factories to work two shifts in daylight. The effect of the change upon the blackout will be remarkable in midsummer.

OYSTERS

Are there any grounds at all, except those of local patriotism, for the aphorism of Mr. Menzies to Fleet Street journalists, "The British oyster is incomparably inferior to the Australian oyster?" If that statement is correct the Australian oyster must be very good indeed and worthy of far more general fame than it has yet secured for itself. For the excellence of the Eng-



THORN IN THE SIDE

Help For Britain

By
Walter Farr

In a 400-miles journey from Portland, Maine, down America's Atlantic seaboard, I have seen at first hand what the passage of the Lease-and-Lend Bill by Congress means to Britain.

They are making merchant ships, patrol bombers for use against the U-boats, bombers to attack the U-boat bases, torpedoes for the British Navy, depth charges, and even huge quantities of foodstuffs for Britain (mainly such things as powdered milk).

I made the following notes in the places I visited along the coast to give you an idea of the gigantic speed-up now going on:

Speeding The Ships

Portland (Maine).—Hundreds more workmen are being rushed here to hurry forward the building of a series of basins in which a mass of new cargo ships for the British Merchant Service will be constructed.

The first order was for 60 of these ships. Now the number is expected to be doubled or trebled.

To get increased speed in the building of British Government shipping, experts decided to construct the vessels in basins instead of on ordinary sloping stocks. Instead of launching them in the ordinary way, they will be launched by water being let into the basins and floating them out to sea.

It is a secret when these ships will be ready for service, but I was told by one of the men in

lish native has been celebrated for centuries and it has even been claimed that it was one of the things which brought the Romans to Britain; at any rate, they devoured it in great numbers, as is proved by the oyster shells on the sites of their villas.

Perhaps he is thinking of mere size, and it may be admitted that Southern seas produce some whoppers; there are oysters dredged up near Ceylon, which measure eleven inches across. But then again, especially as he was speaking in front of journalists, he may have been thinking of another kind of oyster altogether.

charge that once they begin rolling out of the basins they will be completed at the rate of one every fortnight. Each ship will be of 10,000 tons dead weight.

Secret Bomb-Sight

Brooklyn (New York).—Coming here from Portland I passed through hundreds of small towns and villages each one of which is doing some kind of job to help the Aid to Britain programme.

One of the most vital sections of the Lease-and-Lend Bill from our point of view is that it gives Mr. Roosevelt the power to send Britain many more of America's secret weapons, such as the Norden bomb-sight.

I was shown over the home of that famous American bomb-sight here in Brooklyn, the factory of the Sperry Company—one of the most closely guarded buildings in America. As the result of new British orders thousands more workmen are being taken on to double the manufacture of such things as bomb-sights and for gadgets ensuring accurate anti-aircraft fire by day and by night.

The Sperry people have many other secrets beside the bomb-sight. One is a new kind of guiding-ray which helps aircraft to land in bad flying conditions, and which may be used to help the R.A.F. to carry on attacking Germany in the worst kind of weather.

A few miles away, in another huge Brooklyn factory, I saw hundreds of torpedoes being made for the British Navy—torpedoes which can be taken aboard British warships when they come for repairs to Brooklyn Navy Yard.

Not far from Brooklyn are Port Washington and the LaGuardia Field, now two vital airports for Britain. Special arrangements are being made there to provide depots and extra facilities for coping with the hundreds of the giant new type Flying Fortresses and patrol bombers—the first batches of which are arriving from California—which use these airports as the last ports of call before heading for England.

The ferrying of these bombers across the Atlantic is being enormously speeded-up by the use of a series of transport planes for rushing ferry pilots here from Britain instead of bringing them over by boat. The number of ferry pilots has been doubled and trebled, showing that Britain can now expect many more big bombers from America.

Philadelphia.—During the hour I spent here between trains I was invited to attend a conference of leading American machine-tool manufacturers.

Machine tools are the very foundation of war industry. The conference discussion showed that machine tools in America will in future be used almost solely for the manufacture of war material, not for making new designs for American motor-cars or other such luxuries, and that a large quantity of American machine tools are being sent to Britain.

A Heartening Sight

Baltimore.—Here is the most heartening sight of the whole trip. In the vast Glenn Martin bomber factory they told me that the new orders which Britain has been able to place now that she doesn't have to worry about the dollar sign will ensure us getting a new batch of many hundreds of fast medium bombers of the type specially suited to the job of lashing the invasion ports and breaking up the barge concentrations. (A large number of these have already been delivered to Britain.)

The head of the Martin factory showed me acres and acres of workshops doing scarcely anything else but build these bombers for the R.A.F. These constitute one of our greatest needs at the present time. Included in our new orders here will also be a mass of newly designed Martin long-range bombers for use in attacking German U-boats in the Atlantic.

The last, and probably the most significant, thing I saw on this trip down America's coastline was the huge Bethlehem shipbuilding yards at Baltimore. Mr. Frank Hodge, who is in charge of the yards, took me along the shore of the Patapsco River and pointed proudly to nine different slipways, each with a merchant ship on it nearing completion.

"We are not wasting a minute," said Mr. Hodge. "There is no red tape now. I get people ringing me up and ordering a batch of new ships by telephone, instead of arranging conferences about it."

"We delivered one ship last Saturday. We are launching a new one this Saturday. A few hours afterwards we lay down another new one. What is happening here is happening everywhere throughout the country. It's the last war all over again."

The ships Mr. Hodge is building are not destined directly for the British merchant fleet, but every one that rolls off the stocks means releasing an old-American-ship-for-use in carrying supplies to Britain.

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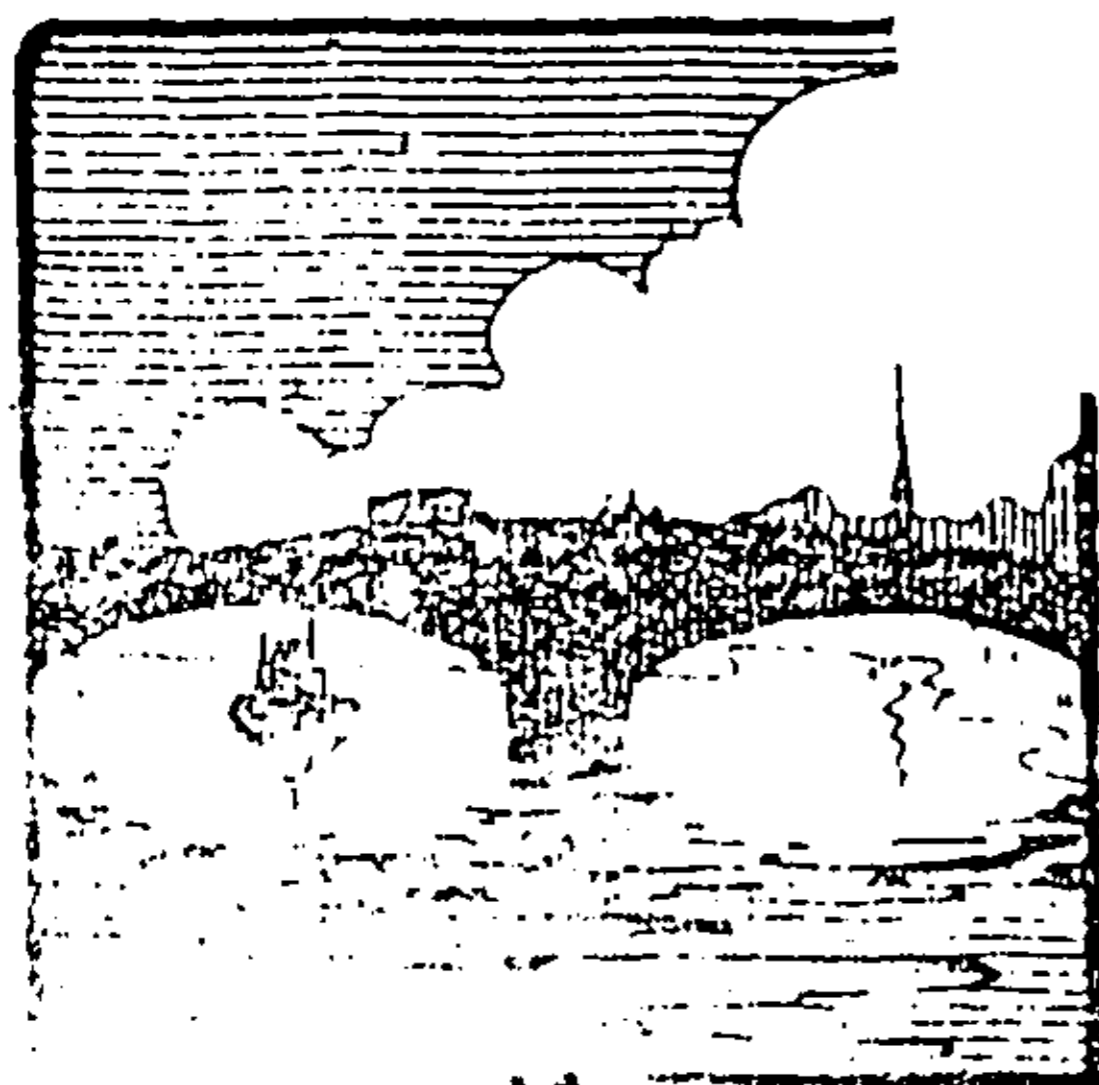
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SICK MAN WAS PUBLIC ENEMY NO. 1

A BIG, SWARTHY MAN, whose face is the colour of tallow, has been taking a daily stroll along the Miami front during the past few months. Strollers, shoppers, and idlers watch his progress, and there is invariably a policeman or plain-clothes man walking in the same direction.

The man never takes the slightest notice of the sensation his morning walk causes. Once or twice a week he drops into a cafe or drug store, orders grape juice or lemonade, drinks it without a word, and continues his stroll.

The stroller is Al Capone, once boss of the United States underworld, Public Enemy No. 1, leader of a gang that sent hundreds to violent deaths, and biggest United States bootlegger of Prohibition days.

To-day Capone is as harmless as a stubborn clerk, and far less respected. Stricken by illness that doctors say is incurable, Capone is able to command a mere handful of dollars compared with the millions he once juggled with.

There is this difference, Capone goes in daily fear of his life from assassin gunmen hired by past rivals—hence police protection—and he faces a strenuous court battle with the United States Federal authorities.

Owes £40,000 Tax

This ex-big shot owes the United States £40,000 in income tax. Last time the case was up his lawyer said it was absolutely impossible for Capone to pay, and a stay of judgment was granted. But in a few days Capone will either have to find the money or go back to the prison hospital he left almost a year ago.

His lawyers are busily preparing his defence, but it is known that they haven't been able to find money to meet the tax. Before he goes to bed at nine sharp, Capone confers with them to find a way out. These conferences are the only strain the ex-gangster puts on a brain badly affected by illness.

For the rest, Capone takes his stroll, drives his modest car, plays a little golf, and lies in the sun at his Palm Island estate in Miami.

Home Mortgaged

The house is luxurious, and has a swimming pool, but there is a mortgage on it. There is no liquor in it and no guns.

What will happen to the court case it is impossible to forecast. There have been broad hints that a compromise has been worked out. Al would like that. He doesn't want to go back to the gaol hospital again. He says, "I'm a sick man; I couldn't be any trouble even if I wanted to be."

MARINES IN EVERY SCRAP

At the beginning of the war thirty Royal Marines N.C.O.s went through an officers' training course. Of the twenty who became commissioned officers at least two are now acting majors and one has served with particular distinction.

Since the Battle of the River Plate we haven't heard much of the Marines; but they have been in nearly every "show" in the war, with an unfailing record of gallantry.

They are flying with the Fleet Air Arm, they man the long-range guns on our South Coast.

In Low Countries

Marines fought with conspicuous heroism when the Nazis overran the Low Countries and France. Their job was to defend the ports and to cover naval demolition parties.

At Calais, a gallant detachment lost all its officers. "By Sea and Land" is their motto—another way of saying "The Marines are always there!"

FIGHTING PEERS BEAT M.P.S

A White Paper shows that 166 members of the House of Lords and 116 of the House of Commons are serving in the Forces.

ENVOY'S BID FOR NAVY

Mr. George Earle, the United States Minister to Bulgaria, whose scrap with Germans in a cafe over the British Tommies' tune "Tipperary" recently caused an international stir, has asked President Roosevelt to permit him to resign so that he could volunteer for the British Navy, reports the "New York Post."

Earle served with distinction in the American Navy during the last war as commander of a submarine chaser.

BLIND— HE FLEW FIGHTER

Although he was blind through eye-wounds suffered in a fight at 18,000ft., a young R.A.F. pilot brought his plane safely back to base.

The story was told at a Glasgow luncheon by the Lord Provost, who said that the pilot was a Scot.

"His plane," said the Lord Provost, "had been hit and disabled. Although blinded by shrapnel he brought the plane home more by instinct than by anything else."

"When members of the ground staff went to help him out of the machine they saw that he was blind."

"He was taken to hospital, and after treatment the sight of one eye was restored. He was told, however, that the other eye would have to be removed. This operation should have been performed a week before he attended Buckingham Palace to be decorated for his exploit. But he refused until after his visit to the Palace."

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OCCASION



Accustomed to the courtly graces of Williamsburg, seat of government in Colonial Virginia, lovely Martha Scott finds difficulty here in acclimatizing herself to the crude and good-natured buffoonery of the frontier. That's Cary Grant, co-star in the King's Theatre's new film, "The Howards of Virginia," heartily enjoying his new wife's predicament. Coming to the King's on Friday.

EVERY VILLAGE MAY BE AN INVASION FORTRESS

IN THE EVENT OF invasion the Home Guard is well placed to impede every enemy column which may try to penetrate its own territory. These columns may be aiming at other objectives, or to concentrate in accordance with a time-table.

They may want actually to occupy the village for rest, food, refuelling, or maintenance — for they must do all these some time. All defence plans and layouts are entirely dictated by the nature of the ground, the weapons you have, and your strength — and, of course, the kind of attack you might expect.

First, the whole scheme should be carefully worked out on paper, with expert help if possible. It should show the work you can do now (or have done already), and a work-table should be drawn up for the rapid completion of other preparations, with records of the amount of labour, material, tools and time needed.

Details should be listed of supplies, ammunition, food and iron rations, range-cards and landscape-cards, communications, road blocks, mines, booby traps, and steps taken to ensure that no food or petrol could fall into the enemy's hands.

But besides blocking your own roads and keeping the enemy out, your plan must also prevent his getting around. It must in fact, be a plan for all-round defence.

If necessary, we will hold our villages, if surrounded, like fortresses dotted all over the land. To do this we may require:—

- (1) An inner keep, or strong-hold (covering the main road);
 - (2) An inner defence along the outskirts of the village;
 - (3) An outer defence covering the road and tactical features outside;
 - (4) further out still our eyes and ears—our observation posts.
- These advanced posts are far better sited in natural cover, such as ditches or hedges, rather than in prepared and obvious places. Thus the positions can be changed more frequently.

Your outer defences may consist of small, inconspicuous, camouflaged trenches, sited to cover road-blocks, from which a good field of fire is possible. If these have been prepared since last autumn they will need repair—and remember that with hedges and trees soon blooming the field of fire may now look very different.

Behind this come your inner defences. If the village is large it will be well to divide it into areas. As your neighbours' houses and walls may need a bit of knocking about for this, the necessary work should be earmarked.

Traps For Tanks

Some may need to be demolished to get the needed fire-view. Here you can be super-cunning with your ambushes and booby traps for tanks, transport and troops. Your low loop-holes and bomb slits must be chosen with an eye for use in the most unexpected direction.

Inside comes your stronghold. Don't choose the largest buildings, like a school or hotel, for these will be the first to attract bombing and artillery fire.

Select one building, or perhaps three, giving sufficient field of fire and defence, a pivot point from which the whole defence plan can radiate and be directed, to which reports flow back and from which the local counter-attack can be organised.

It will need shelters from bombing and for reserve ammunition (outside), food water and stores, the whole being well camouflaged, chiefly from the air.

Complete the brain, if not the muscle, work now.

LORRY GAVE 20 FT. LIFT—UP

Doctors of the R.A.F. medical branch get some queer cases. One recent patient reported that he had "fallen 20ft. from a lorry."

"But you can't fall 20ft. from a lorry," protested the medical officer.

"You could from this one, sir," the man replied, firmly. "It was being dragged over a field by a run-away balloon, and when it got up to 20ft. I baled out."

WOMEN OFFER BEAUTY

(From A Correspondent)

Women of Britain are ready to give more than their blood for victory.

One of them wrote to Dr. W. S. Stanbury, of Leeds, Regional Blood Transfusion Officer:—
"I am willing to part with an ear, left-hand finger, thumb or toe, or give a yard of skin, if it will help any kiddie injured in an air raid."

And a twelve-year-old school-girl walked into the Mayor's Parlour at Exeter and offered the Mayor her hair.

"I thought the proceeds could go to the war effort," she told him, handing over her tresses.

The Mayor, Mr. R. Glave Saunders, examined the blonde locks and thanked the donor, Olive Martin, of Old Tiverton Road, Exeter, for her sacrifice.

Oliver had her hair cut when she was six. That hair was saved and handed to the Mayor with the locks she lost this week.

65 But Game

Another Yorkshire woman wrote to the Leeds Blood Transfusion Officer:

"I am sixty-five and last March had a stroke, losing the use of my left arm and leg."

"I do not know how a stroke affects the value of one's blood, but, being lame, I can do no active work."

"I should be glad to do something for my fellows if I can by giving blood."

Dr. Stanbury told me: "Many people are writing to me asking why blood donors cannot be given a badge. I designed one and submitted it to the Ministry of Health, but have heard nothing yet."

"If metal for badges cannot be spared, I think the wearing of a red stripe, as suggested by one donor, would be a good alternative."

SUCH A NATION CANNOT DIE

CANADIAN M.P.S CHEERED AND THUMPED THEIR DESKS WHEN MR. LAPOINTE, MINISTER OF JUSTICE, SAID:

"The world admires Britain. We admire above all the millions of long-suffering men, women, and children who could end the war by surrender if they brought pressure on their Government, but who refuse."

"Such a nation is a great nation. It cannot die, cannot lose."

"We will try to be worthy of that splendid people and great nation, and will not fall in her hour of trial." — Reuter.

THEY MET IN RUINS

The Ancient Fellowship and Company of Cappers and Felt Makers, one of the oldest guilds in Coventry, held its annual meeting in the ruined Cappers Chapel of bombed Coventry Cathedral, thus maintaining an unbroken series of annual meetings there for nearly 500 years.

GERMANS GUN LIGHTHOUSE

Lighthouse keepers in the Pentland Firth waved when they saw a bomber flying towards them. They thought it was British.

But the plane, a German, machine-gunned the lighthouse, smashing glass and doing internal damage.

The keepers dived for cover. Their children, who were playing in the open, ran to an old quarry for shelter.

VITAMIN CANDY FOR CHILDREN

A plan to send vitamin candy tablets to British children has been launched in New York by the British-American Ambulance Corps.

The tablets are cinnamon-flavoured and contain vitamins A (particularly useful in preventing night blindness); B-1 (for nerve and growth); B-2 (which prevents skin troubles); C (anti-scurvy); D (bone-building); and E (specially beneficial to children).

12,000,000 A Year

Dr. Norman Joliffe, who has collaborated in making the tablets, said that the British Ministry of Health had welcomed the formula. It is hoped to ship 12,000,000 or more tablets a year, says Reuter, for distribution in shelters, communal feeding centres and factories and to evacuated children.

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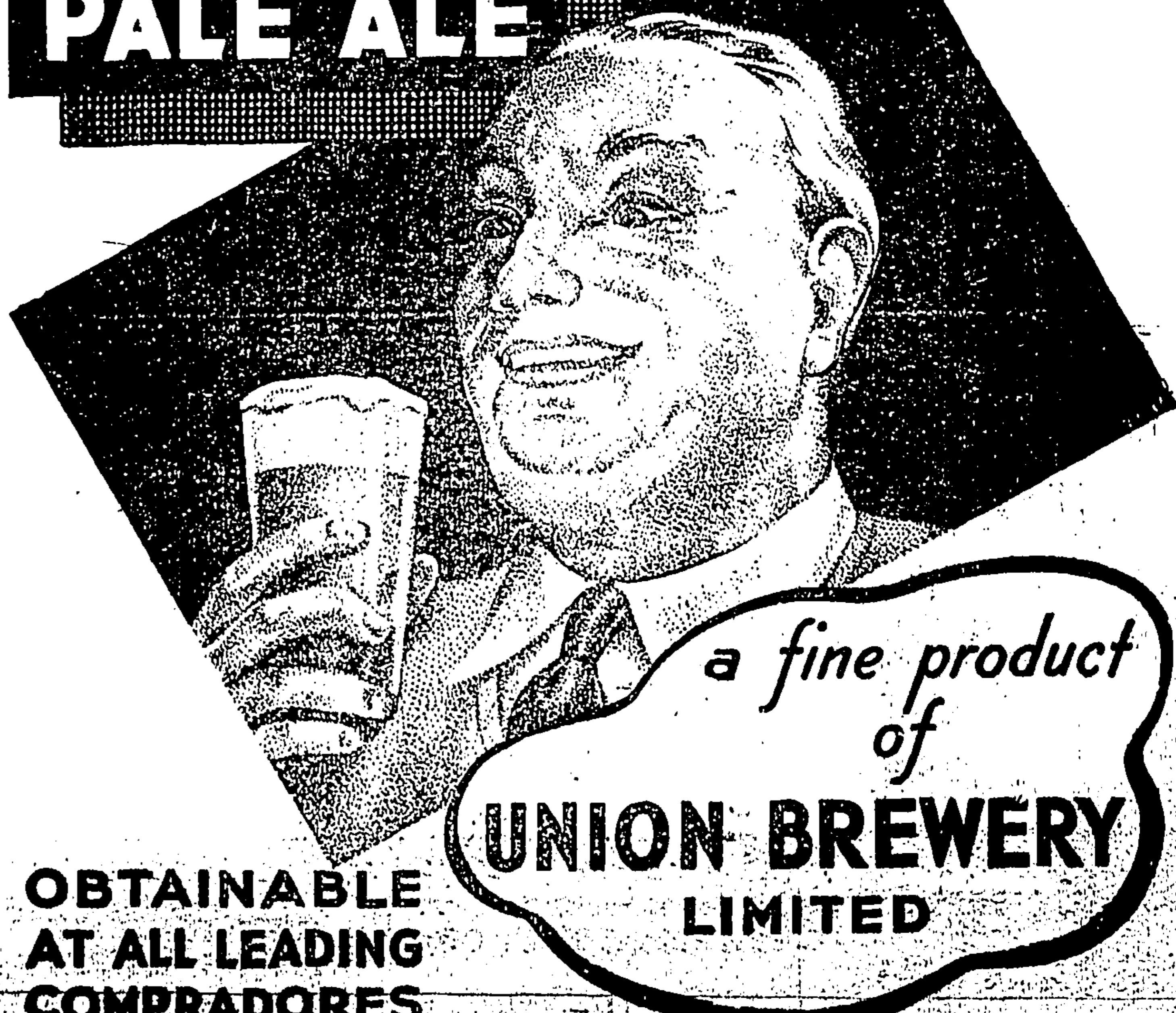
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BRIDGE NOTES

COUNTING THE HAND

By The Four Aces

Ingenious play together with good counting enabled South to make his contract:

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North-South vulnerable

♠ K Q
♥ Q J 8 7 3
♦ 6 2
♣ 7 6 4 2
♠ J 9 6 2
♥ 10 9 5 4
♦ J 10 9
♣ 10 3
N
W
E
S
♠ A 7 5
♥ A 6 2
♦ Q 8 7 4
♣ 3
♠ 10 8 4 3
♥ K
♦ A K 6
♣ A K Q J 8

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened the Queen of hearts, and was allowed to hold the trick. He shifted to a trump, and South drew three rounds of the suit. The bidding and West's shift from hearts indicated that East had an eight-card heart suit, and since East had already played two trumps, it was clear that he had started with only three cards in the minor suits.

Declarer therefore decided to play West for the diamond Queen, and laid down the King of diamonds, followed by the ten. West covered the ten of diamonds with the Queen, and dummy won with the Ace. When East followed to one round of diamonds, South could be sure that the clubs would break 4-2. There was therefore some danger of losing three club tricks in addition to the heart already lost.

After some thought, South returned a heart from the dummy and ruffed in his own hand. And West could not find a safe discard. If he discarded a club, South could safely tackle that suit and lose only two club tricks. So West discarded a diamond.

Thereupon, South led a diamond to dummy's Jack and returned a diamond, discarding a club from his own hand. West had to win and return clubs, so that South lost only one club trick.

Saturday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ 10 7
♥ A 9
♦ Q 10 6 3
♣ A Q J 7 4

The bidding:

Major	Jacoby	Schonen	You
1♥	1♠	Pass	(?)

ANSWER: Bid three no-trump. If your partner's strength is largely distributional, he will take you back to clubs; and if he has high-card strength, he will leave you in the easier no-trump contract.

Score 100% for three no-trump, 50% for five clubs, 30% for four clubs.

Question No. 708

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Major	Jacoby	Schonen	You
1♥	1♠	Pass	
2♦	3♣	Pass	

What do you bid?

(Released by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

GIFT RUGS AS PRAYER CARPETS

Rugs given for Indian soldiers in Britain and sent by the Army Comforts Depot, at Reading to men at the Indian General Hospital have been used as prayer carpets when not large enough to cover beds.

SOLDIER TAUGHT STAR TO BE HIS DOUBLE

(By A Special Correspondent)

BESIDE THE FILM set of a trapper's hut in the Arctic Circle a young French-Canadian soldier in uniform watched his pupil — film star Laurence Olivier — with pride.

He had reason. For he was seeing Laurence Olivier play the final scene of the role of trapper and fur trader in which the French-Canadian soldier had coached him. The soldier is Corporal Tony Onraet, whose home is at Tuk Tuk, Eskimo village in the Arctic Circle.

The film in which the soldier was technical adviser, is "49th Parallel," a boost-Britain film to the cost of which the Ministry of Information advanced £22,086 of public money.

Its propaganda value is that it tells dramatically of how Canadians, not of British birth, rallied to the British cause when war came.

The story deals with the adventures of a German submarine crew wrecked on the Canadian coast and of their attempts to make their way over the 49th Parallel—the frontier line between Canada and the United States.

The company secured the loan of Onraet as technical adviser, and he left camp to live at Denham Studios, Bucks.

Now he's done his job, and it's back to camp for him.

And is he sorry? For these weeks in the make-believe life of the studios have been more thrilling than any real life.

Land Of No Night

"I'm a trapper in peace-time," he said. "In winter I trap anything that has a dollar in it—foxes, wolves, wolverines and grizzly and polar bears. I trade with the Eskimos and the Indians."

"In summer I prospect for gold and radium."

"Often times I go nine months without seeing a white man. In summer it's the land of no night. The sun never sets, so there's no regular bedtime. I just go to sleep when I get to feeling tired."

"Life was going on smooth until one day I heard on a radio that war had started. Well, sir, I just left everything, pulled out right away to join up. I travelled 1,400 miles by boat and flew the rest to Edmonton. I was travelling thirty-four days."

"This film job was a lot of fun. You should see my fan mail! The girls want to know what I look like."

"I had to teach Olivier how to shape his mouth to speak French-Canadian, and tell him how they dress; even how they cut their tobacco and fill their pipes. I suggested a little song they sing. It's in the film."

I said to Laurence Olivier, after the scene, "Your tutor has given you an excellent school report."

Olivier laughed. "He was certainly a great help."



"BOMB LARK"—NEW FRAUD

The "bomb lark" fraud, by which assistance boards have been cheated of thousands of pounds, was described at the Old Bailey.

Seven men pleaded guilty to obtaining or attempting to obtain money by false pretences.

A detective said it became known that thieves in Brixton possessed a considerable sum of money and inquiries showed that thousands of pounds had been obtained.

Prosecuting counsel described the "bomb lark." The trickster goes to an assistance board, declares that he has lost his furniture and clothes as the result of his home having been bombed, and claims money for immediate relief.

"19 Applications"

Walter Hendy, forty-nine, engineer, stated to have made nineteen false applications, was sentenced to three years' penal servitude.

Other sentences were:—
Alfred Gregory, twenty-four, engineer; William Charles Holmes, twenty-four, clerk; eighteen months' imprisonment each;

Arthur Thompson, thirty-nine, baker, fifteen months; John Lobbey, thirty-three, shunter, twelve months.

Sentence on two other men, Leonard Bird, eighteen, printer's assistant, and William Tatnell, twenty-one, labourer, was postponed.

ONLY SIX STROKES—SORRY

Crewe magistrates said they were sorry that they could order only six strokes of the birch.

They passed this sentence on three boys, aged from twelve to fifteen.

Two of the three were summoned for stealing collecting boxes — one a box for the blind — and the third for receiving some of the stolen money.

A Woman's Praise For Dr. Williams' Pink Pills,

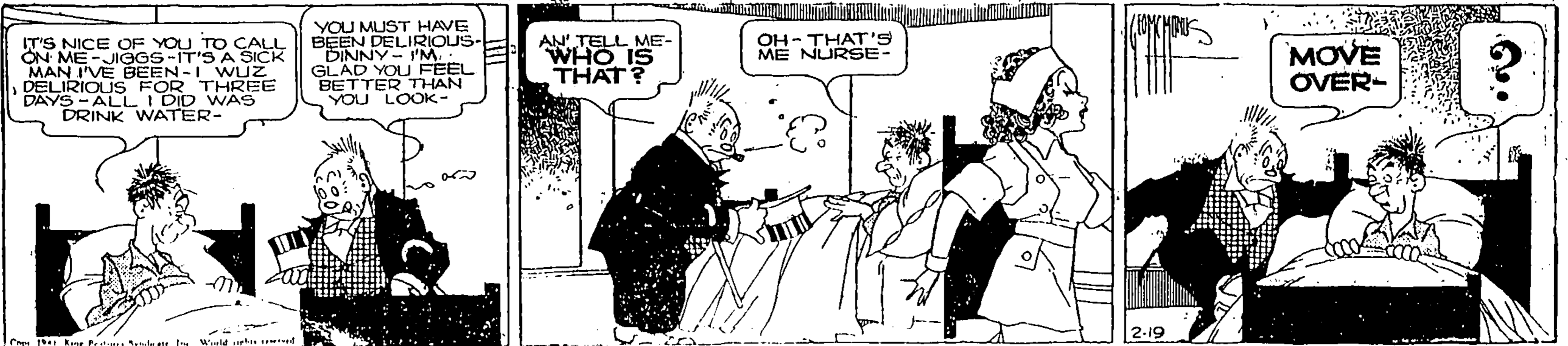
"I wish from my heart I could persuade every person who is run down to give Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a trial," writes Mrs. Louie Mitchell of Oak Point, Manitoba, Canada.

"I was suffering from a very run down system. Any little exertion would cause my legs to tremble and my heart to throb violently and I quickly became exhausted. Then I began taking Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and after a short course of these pills I am now as well and strong as ever."

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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN Persevere To Be Lovely

Facial and physical beauty as we know it to-day, are not accidental. They are acquired through loyalty to a health-giving schedule and to certain external, regular administrations. All of which means, if a woman will persevere she can be lovely.

If you see a slim beauty, whose figure is the rave of the beach lollers, you can bet your boots she doesn't eat banana splits between meals, a half pound of chocolates while reading a magazine, or second helpings of rich foods!

If you see a woman with an exquisite complexion and firm facial contour, you need not ask her what creams she uses! It's ten to one she rests from eight to ten hours most nights, exercises either in her home or out of doors daily, and eats very well balanced menus. She may use a cream for cleansing and one for softening, or if she plays considerably under the sun, a cream for protection. But you might be surprised to discover that her skin beauty is guarded by a certain good soap and only one jar of cream! Skin beauty comes from within — all the cosmetics in the world cannot create a translucent texture! But certain cosmetics, if they are intelligently chosen, do protect one's skin from ravages of the elements, and may enhance its beauty.

If you come face to face with a woman whose charm overwhelms you (and your favourite man, too) be assured that lady has spent much effort in modulating her voice, studying mannerisms which are attractive, analysing humans to discover what pleases them and what displeases them, and getting control of herself in every way. A well poised, charming woman is the product of much self training — she decided to go out and conquer and she prepared herself in every way so she might conquer.

She immediately conquers you when you speak with her and she can conquer any other person she chooses. She is not a snob, or she couldn't be charming. Charm



FRANCIA WHITE, popular songbird of radio, is one girl who refused to be kept in the shadow. She determined on success and loveliness, worked for them and got them!

is a warm, genuine characteristic which is acquired only through determination. It always gives

me a thrill when a very charming woman confesses to me that in her youth she was plain looking and extremely shy. Then I realise just now much any woman can do for herself if she has the will-power to persevere!

So if you have any inhibitions throw them off. Realise that you can adopt a schedule which, if heid to diligently, will make you a desired beauty. You needn't have the measurements of Venus nor the face of Snow White — simply make the most of yourself in every way. Determine to be lovely and work for it!

lifted bustline should rehearse this exercise every day.

Correct Shoulder Posture

Your shoulders want to be held in correct position, you know, and if you don't believe it, follow these directions and sense the relief from fatigue you feel. Stand up in stocking feet. Pull your abdomen in and up consciously. Tuck under your buttocks as if someone came along and spanked you smartly. Then endeavour to "broaden" your shoulders. This is done by pushing back your head, then your shoulders and dropping them, at least an inch. Hunched up shoulders indicate poor posture and nervousness. Don't hunch yours. Standing in this good posture you will feel fatigue leave your body. Hold the position as you inhale through your nose slowly, and exhale through your lips, ten times!

After this remember to stand and walk with your shoulders in that position and your tummy held in!

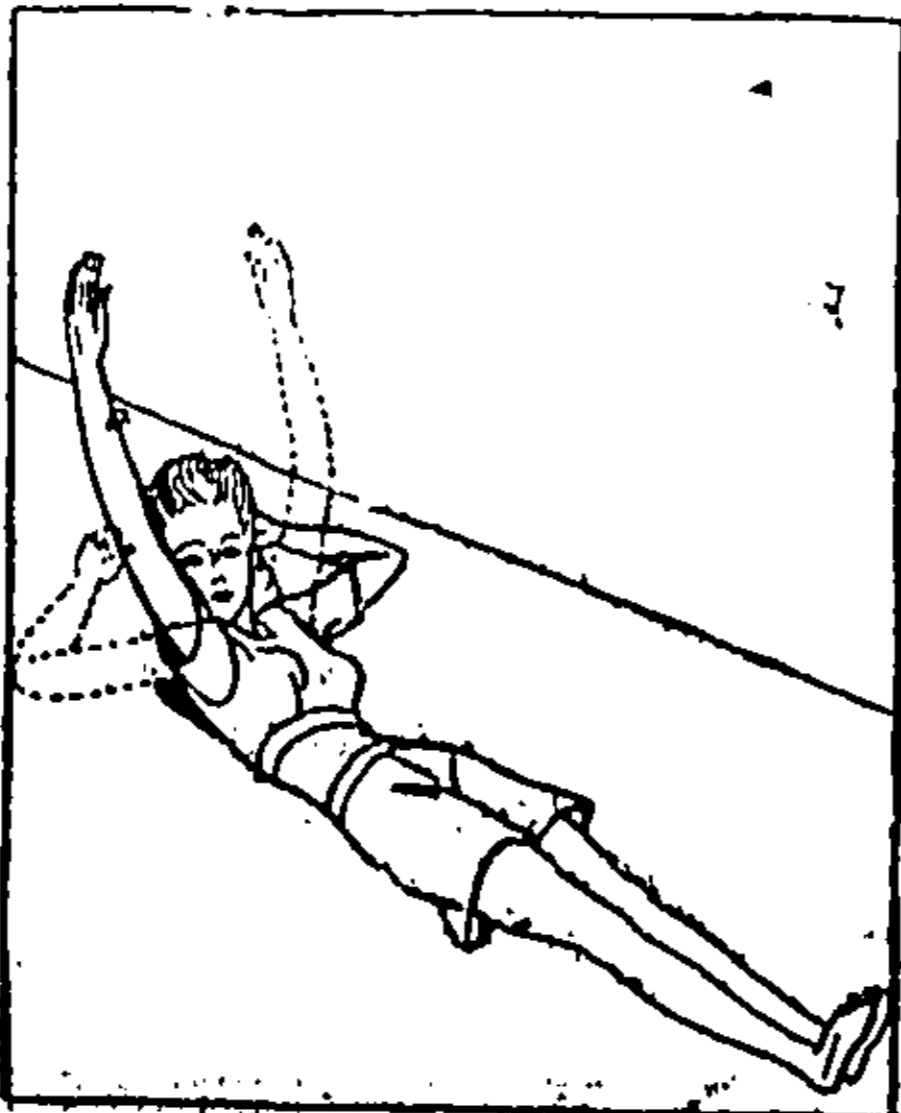
Stretch Away Winter Shoulder

Unless you do get out of doors to exercise, the chances are your shoulder muscles are pretty much in need of a little stretching. The aches you feel in them, now and again, isn't cold or rheumatism—it is simply muscle tenseness.

Get down on the floor this minute and go through this exercise. Lie stretched out with legs together. Now — keeping the lower party of your body very steady — raise your right arm and twist the upper part of your body far to the left. Your left arm is relaxed on the floor, elbow bent. (See sketch). THE TWIST IS AT YOUR WAISTLINE — YOUR HIPS DO NOT BUDGE OFF THE FLOOR! You should feel a soothing stretch from your neck down the right side of your back to your lower spine. After stretching slowly and far to the left five times, reverse arm positions and stretch far to the right.

Follow With These

Now sit up on the floor, legs together, and place fingers on shoulders. Keep elbows high and press them back and down — your shoulder-blades are thus pressed together. Press them together more. Bring elbows back those of you who desire an un-



This waist-twisting relieves shoulder pains.

to position, relax and repeat five times.

Now, place fingers on shoulders again. This time push elbows in a circle — back and down, forward and up. Go clockwise ten times, then counter clockwise ten times. This is splendid for firming the pectoral muscles, too, so

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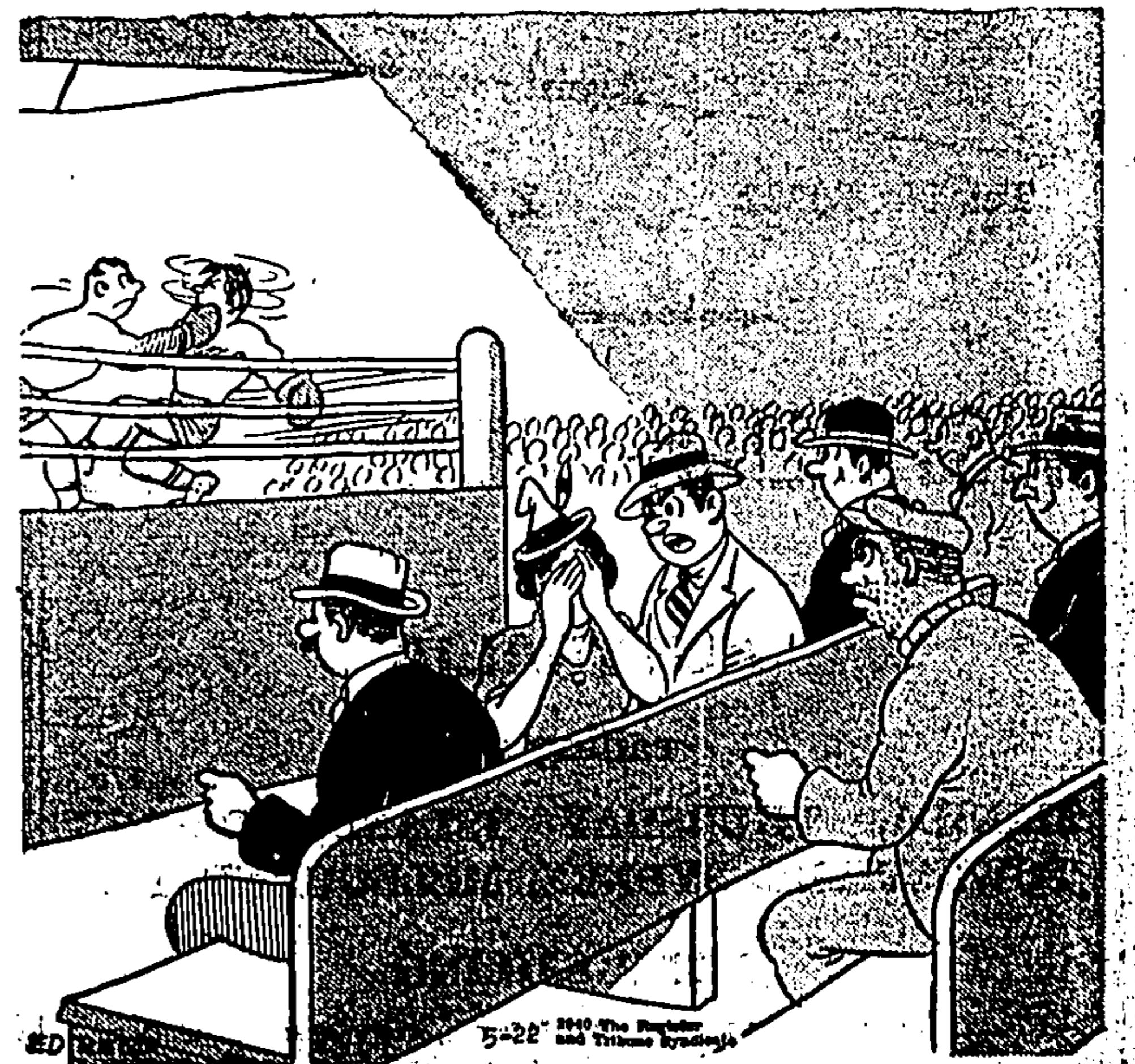
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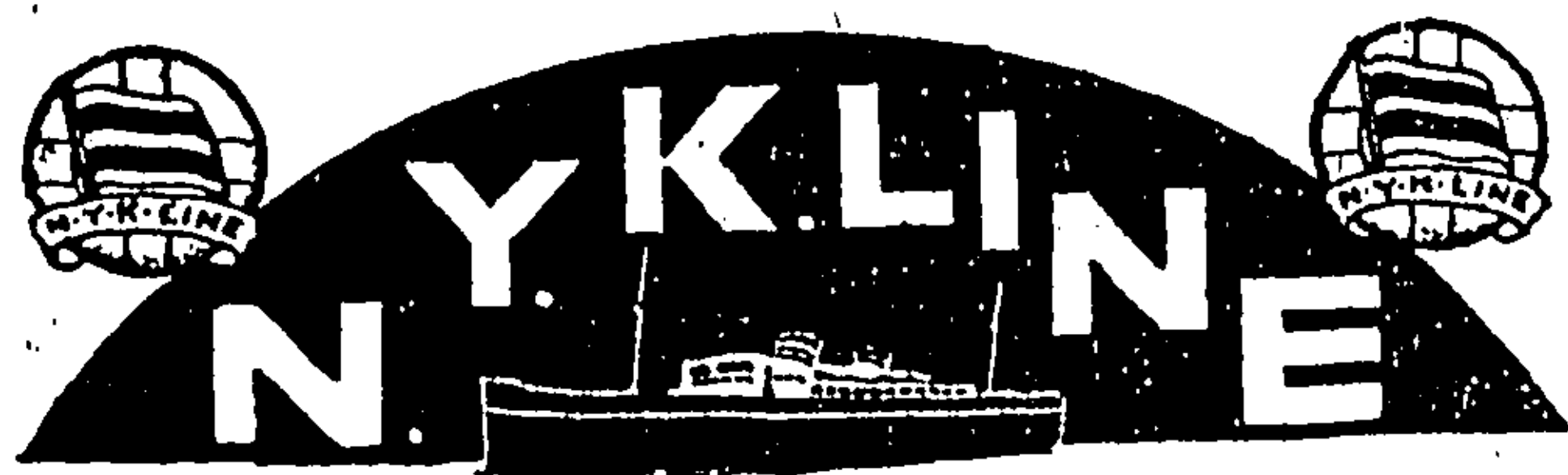


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Jack Jackson and His Orch.

Slow Fox-Trot—Little Gypsy of the Seven Seas.

The Organ, the Dance Band and Me.

Quick-Step—On the Isle of May.

Waltz—When our Dreams Grow Old.

Joe Loss and His Band.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal.

1.01 p.m.—Variety with Dorothy Dickson, Curtis and Ames and George Formby.

Vocal—The Window Cleaner (Cliff and others).

The Lancashire Torreador (Cliff and others).

George Formby and his Ukulele with Orchestra.

Vocal Duets—You Can't Pull the Wool over my Eyes (Ager and others).

Cheer Up (Mayerl).

Curtis and Ames with Piano.

Vocal—"Crest of the Wave" (Hassall and Ivor Novello).

If You Only Knew.

Dorothy Dickson (Soprano).

Why Isn't it You?

Dorothy Dickson and Walter Crisham.

Comedian—George Formby Medley.

Intro: Sitting on the Ice; Do de oh Doh; Chinese Laundry Blues; Madame Moscovitch; My Ukulele; Fairlight Fanny.

George Formby with his Ukulele and Orchestra.

Vocal—Accent on Youth (film "Accent on Youth").

Curtis and Ames with Piano.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Dvorak—Quartet in A Flat Major, Op. 105.

1st Mov: Adagio ma non troppo.

Allegro appassionato.

2nd Mov: Molto vivace.

3rd Mov: Lento e molto cantabile.

4th Mov: Allegro non tanto.

Prague String Quartet.

2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—Mendelssohn—Concerto in E Minor, Op. 64.

1st Mov: Allegro molto appassionato.

2nd Mov: Andante.

3rd Mov: Allegretto non troppo.

Fritz Kreisler (Violin) and the State Opera Orchestra.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour."

7.30 p.m.—Eileen Joyce (Piano) and Pau Casals (Cello).

(a) Si oiseau j'étais, a toi je volerais (Bird study) (Hensell).

(b) En Route (concert study) (Palmgren).

(c) La Danse d'Olaf (Ricardo Pick-Mangialardi).

Eileen Joyce (Piano).

Apres un Reve (Faure).

A Village Song (Popper).

Pau Casals (Cello) with piano.

Trois Danses (Fantastiques) (Shostakovich).

Scherzo Op. 16 No. 2 (D'Albert).

Eileen Joyce (Piano).

Andante (Bach).

Aria from suite in D (Bach).

Pau Casals (Cello) with piano.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 p.m.—This week's programmes.

8.05 p.m.—Emil Roos and his Orch.

Serenade from "Frasquita" (Lohar).

Valentina (Wright—Dunn).

Moorish March (Mohr).

8.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Hi, Gang!"

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.15 p.m.—Charlie Kunz at the Piano and the Mills Brothers.

Vocal—Sleepy Head (film "Operator 13").

Put on your Old Grey Bonnet (Murphy and Wenrich).

The Mills Brothers.

Piano—Kunz Revivals No. 2.

Intro: I Never Realised; Birth of the Blues; Pink Elephants; Rose in the Bud; Speak to me of Love; Someday I'll find You.

Charlie Kunz.

Vocal—Star Dust (Carmichael and others).

The Mills Brother.

Piano—Kunz Revivals No. 3.

Intro: Poor Butterfly; After You've Gone; Whispering; Alice Blue Gown; Just a little Love; a little Kiss; The Chocolate Soldier Waltz.

Charlie Kunz.

Vocal—Funiculi Funicula (Denza).

Asleep in the Deep (Petrie, Lamb).

The Mills Brothers.

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave Only).

9.45 p.m.—Concert Waltzes.

Farmyard Waltz (Folk Tune).

Springtime Waltz (Composer Unknown).

Continental Novelty Orchestra.

When the Lemons Bloom (Johann Strauss).

Johann Strauss and Symphony Orchestra.

Souvenir Flouri (Composer Unknown).

Nullo Romani and His Orch.

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—"News from Home" by Howard Marshall.

10.15 p.m.—New Dance Music with Variety.

Fox-Trots—Oh! Look at me now. You might have belonged to another.

Tommy Dorsey and his Orch.

TO PROBE M.P.'S' JOBS

The Government is to set up a Select Committee to investigate the question of paid appointments held by M.P.s.

The investigation would meet some of the criticisms levelled by M.P.s of all parties at the Government Bill that proposes that M.P.s who accept paid offices at home or abroad shall keep their seats in Parliament. The Government will ask the House of Commons to pass the Bill so that immediate difficulties can be overcome.

The measure would enable Mr. Malcolm MacDonald to go to Canada as British High Commissioner without vacating his seat, and it would also establish the position of several M.P.s who are already holding war offices.

Labour M.P.s' Revolt

The Parliamentary Labour Party at a private meeting discussed the Bill for an hour: it was the second meeting they had had about it.

It was decided to let the M.P.s have an unrestricted vote when the Bill comes before the House and not to put the Party Whips on.

This decision was surprising in view of the fact that Mr. Attlee, the leader of the Parliamentary Labour Party, had at an earlier private meeting given reasons why the Socialist M.P.s should support the Bill.

Vocal—A Little Old Church in England (Irving Berlin).

Barry Wood (Baritone) with Orchestra.

Fox-Trots—Jenny (film "Lady in the Dark").

This is New (film "Lady in the Dark").

Leo Reisman and His Orchestra.

Vocal—I Can't Love You Any More (Magidson, Wrubel).

Imagination (Van Heusen).

Bebe Daniels w. Orch.

Fox-Trots—What Makes a Song.

The Last Time I Saw Paris.

Leo Reisman and His Orch.

Vocal—America, I Love You (Leslie-Gottler).

Barry Wood (Baritone) w. Orch.

Waltz—Down the Gypsy Trail (from the film).

Swing and Sway with Sammy Kaye.

Vocal and Piano—Sweet Little Sweetheart (McIntire and Allgire).

Turner Layton.

Fox-Trots—Sunset at Sea.

That's My Way of Saying I Love You.

Swing and Sway with Sammy Kaye.

11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

HELL'S CORNER THANKS R.A.F.

To the Air Officer Commanding a group of Fighter Command which is partly responsible for the defence of South-East England there came recently the following letter. It was sent by a resident of a village in Kent:—

"The people of this little battered village, somewhere about the middle of 'Hell's Corner', would like to express their grateful and heartfelt thanks for the busy roaring of your Spitfires and Hurricanes' engines during these latter days.

"Now at the sound of a 'plane there is a stampede to the door—to get out in time to point up a thumb to the patrolling fighters. To the comforting throb of your engines we have once more got hold of our nerves, can raise our heads and take it on the chin.

"The phrase 'Never has so much been owed by so many to so few' takes on a newer, and truer significance.

"This letter is a very halting effort to convey our village's feeling of gratitude for a job that is being so well done."

SAVED FROM THE SAUSAGE MACHINE

The R.A.F. has discovered a new way of providing roast pork, even more elaborate than that recorded by Charles Lamb, of burning the house down and the pig with it. But since it was the Germans who paid, and the inhabitants of occupied France who got the pork, there is something to be said for it.

A month or two ago the Germans went round a district of Northern France collecting every pig they could lay their hands on, and naturally without paying any attention to the needs of the French. They loaded the pigs on to a cargo ship of some five thousand tons, and set sail for Germany. They must have congratulated themselves that now at last there would be some of their beloved sausages in Germany.

But the ship had scarcely put out of harbour and begun to creep cautiously along the coast before the R.A.F. took a hand.

The ship was sunk, the pigs were washed ashore and there was roast pork for dinner in many French homes that day.

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TINKER TAILOR—

Almost everyone to-day knows that for air raid warning purposes the British Isles are divided into numerous sections.

Many know, too, that the instructions for sounding the sirens in these areas in Brighton or Bodmin Bangor or Berwick go out from the Headquarters of Fighter Command. But few know that the men in that headquarters who tell the Observer Corps' reports form an amazing cross-section of peace-time life.

One morning among the men whose job it is to know whether the approaching machine is hostile, there may be a barrister, in the afternoon an artist at night a journalist, next day there may be an actor, an engineer, the son of a famous England cricketer, a broker, a shopkeeper, a scientist, a mathematician, an economist, a commercial traveller, a car salesman, a factory owner or a famous sportsman.

Some of them were young Royal Air Force officers in the last war, at the end of which they were faced with the problem of forging a new career for themselves. They soon forgot their wings and their ribbons, and with the same spirit with which they had tackled the Boche of 1914-18 they tackled that by no means easy task.

In the many different avenues into which chance guided them, their footprints they met with varying degrees of success. But the danger signal which followed Munich sent them flocking to the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, once more offering their services to the country.

They knew, of course, that their actual flying days were over yet in their new sphere they are performing duties none the less vital.

A SOUVENIR SOUVENIR

A memento commemorating the recent presentation of a souvenir to the Nizam of Hyderabad has just been received by the R.A.F. Fighter Squadron which bears the Nizam's name.

The memento is in the form of a volume, bound in silk, recording the ceremonial handing over to His Highness of a trophy taken from the first German aircraft shot down by the Hyderabad Fighter Squadron, Mr. C. H. Gidney, Resident at Hyderabad, handed over the trophy on behalf of the Air Ministry. The trophy is the hub and one blade of an aircraft from a Heinkel bomber. Marks of bullets from the British fighter are clearly visible on the blade and hub mechanism.

No. 152 (Hyderabad) Fighter Squadron was formed at the outbreak of war by a gift of £100,000 from the Nizam, supplemented a few months later by a further gift of £50,000.



The Parks department in Cheltenham are holding an exhibition with experts in attendance to encourage and help people to grow food and plan allotments. A model allotment to a scale of 3" to 1 foot is one of the features. Photo shows sectional models showing how carrots and potatoes should be stored in clamps. (Copyright, Fox).

BABY CRIED AND LIFE WAS SAVED

TWELVE HOURS AFTER a bomb had demolished houses in a north-east England town, a baby's faint cry was heard from above the place where rescue parties had been digging.

The men straightened their backs and listened. Once more the cry was heard, but not among the heaps of debris, over which stretcher-bearers were still struggling with the bodies of civilians.

The cries came from a rickety bed, covered with debris, precariously perched on a shelf formed by part of the floor of a bedroom in a half-wrecked house.

Rescuers, working gingerly to prevent the remains of the house from collapsing, crawled over the hanging floor and brought down with them the half-frozen, whimpering form of three-year-old Margaret Anderton.

She was taken to hospital, where she is slowly recovering from her ordeal.

A reporter found her brother, Arnold Anderton, eleven-year-old hero of the raid, at the home of his aunt and uncle. Both his hands and an ear were cut.

He did not know then that his mother had lost her life in the raid while writing a letter to his father, who is at a balloon barrage station.

A Little Hero

"When we heard the bomb come whistling down, mother jumped up," he said. "That was the last I saw of her. The house crashed in and the lights went out."

"Somehow, I scrambled out and tried to grope my way

among the ruins to find Mam. I could hear a sort of muffled groan, but could not find her.

"Then I tried to get up the staircase to rescue Margaret, but there was a door blocking my way."

"I helped some men to rescue a woman from another house, and then some neighbours took me away."

Everyone in the neighbourhood praised Arnold. "He worked like a little hero," they said. The raid began early at night, and for the second successive night the social services functioned well.

There were widespread German raids over eastern England and the Home Counties but no heavy attacks developed.

London had two Alerts, and in one district houses were damaged by a stick of bombs. An inn mentioned by Charles Dickens was damaged.

The German air communiqué claimed that "important war objectives in Hull" were attacked with "good results."

It was also claimed that aircraft works in the south of England, and docks and armament works in London were bombed.

NINE MONTHS A "WIDOW"

After thinking herself a widow for nine months and drawing a widow's pension, Mrs. Laura Bevan, of Weaver Road, Uttoxeter, Staffs., has heard from the War Office that her husband, Sergeant Charles Bevan, D.C.M., of the Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, is alive.

Sergeant Bevan, who last June was reported killed in action, was "posthumously" awarded the D.C.M. for gallantry in the field while fighting in France. He is in France now.

Mrs. Bevan has a daughter, June, aged three.

At her home Mrs. Bevan said: "On the day that my husband was reported killed I sat in this room and saw him in a vision. He stood at the window smiling."

"I rushed out of the house and told my neighbours. From that moment I was sure that he was safe."

"I have written to my husband a long letter telling him how I have lived as a widow all these months."

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SOUTH CHINA LUCKY TO DRAW WITH MIDDLESEX

Parker And Riches Make Welcome Return

Hsu King-sing Is Seen On Left Wing

AT CAROLINE HILL yesterday, Middlesex were forced to a 3-all draw by South China, after being at one time three clear goals in the lead.

South China used this game to give an opportunity to several of their players to play in unaccustomed positions. Hsu King-sing was seen on the left wing while Lee Kwok-wai was on the right wing.

Middlesex played good football in the first half and were all over the Chinese, who showed little combination, particularly in the forward line.

Bright was again a tower of strength at centre half and he was well supported by Parker, who made a return to soccer after a long absence, and Thomas. Behind them Sheehan and Riches were two safe backs.

In the forward line Pearson and Saw were always dangerous. Both wingers, Marrable, on the left, and Coomber on the right, sent over good centres during the game.

Disjointed Forwards

With a disjointed forward line, South China were on the defensive for a considerable time and only the good work of Tsang Chung-wan and Tse Kam-hung prevented Middlesex from obtaining a bigger lead.

Hsu King-sing played hard on the left-wing but he was not given the right type of passes. In the centre, Lee Tak-kee was often beaten for possession by Bright.

The game started tamely with Middlesex doing all the attacking and it was not long before they were three goals in the lead through Pearson (2) and Coomber. South China reduced the lead before the interval through Lee Tak-kee.

In the second half Lee Tak-kee again scored and before time Hsu King-sing equalised for South China.

MIDDLESEX: Jackson; Sheehan; Riches; Parker, Bright, Thomas; Coomber, Tate, Pearson, Saw and Marrable.

SOUTH CHINA: Tsang Pui-fook; Lee Kwok-wai, Tse Kam-hung; Lau Hing-choi, Lam Tak-po, Lo Wai-kuen; Tsang Chung-wan, Lau Chung-sang, Lee Tak-kee, Hsu King-sing and Lee Shek-yau.

AN ATHLETIC CHALLENGE

Combined Royal Artillery have challenged Combined Middlesex Regiment and 5/7th Rajput Regt. to an athletic meeting at Shamshuipo on May 8.

Tommy Castilho, St. Joseph's footballer, has of late been putting in a good deal of time at tennis at the Post Office Sports Club, Caroline Hill.



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VOLUNTEER SERGTS' BOWLS WIN

At Cox's Road yesterday, a team representing Sergeants' Mess, Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, defeated Kowloon Cricket Club by 10 shots in a friendly lawn bowls match.

Fincher was leading Meyer 16-7 but the latter scored 1 1 1 0 0 3 1 to reduce the eventual deficit to four.

Down 8-13 to Madar, Silva scored a four to get to within striking distance but Madar finished strongly with 2 3 to win by four shots.

Labrum finished off very strongly against Rakusen and, after being 10-22 down at the 18th end, scored 1 5 2 to finish four down.

Fraser started off with 2 6 against Sherriff but the latter came back with 4 6, eighteen shots thus being scored on the first four ends. Sherriff thereafter was never in any difficulty and finished 26-17.

Meadows was always trailing Walker prior to the tea-interval but a good patch afterwards enabled him to level at 12-all. Walker was not to be denied, however, and 1 3 5 gave him a commanding lead that Meadows was able to reduce with 1 3 on the last two ends, to finish 16-21.

K.C.C. Sgts' Mess
A. E. Perry Sgt. Fowles
R. T. Burch Sgt. Geall
F. Goodwin Sgt. Zimmermann
E. C. Fincher Sgt. Meyer
(Skip) 18 (Skip) 14
A. E. P. Guest Sgt. Baptista
A. H. Martin Sgt. J. D.

W. W. Parsons Sgt. J. C.
Remedios
T. A. Madar C.Q.M.S. Silva
(Skip) 17 (Skip) 13

G. Bowden C.Q.M.S. Tribble
H. Langley C.Q.M.S. Leigh
A. W. Smith Sgt. Lockhart
V. C. Labrum Sgt. Rakusen
(Skip) 18 (Skip) 22

R. S. Capell C.Q.M.S. Casey
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A. J. Kew Sgt. Carr
J. Fraser Sgt. Sherriff
(Skip) 17 (Skip) 26

T. R. Hunter C.S.M. Baskett
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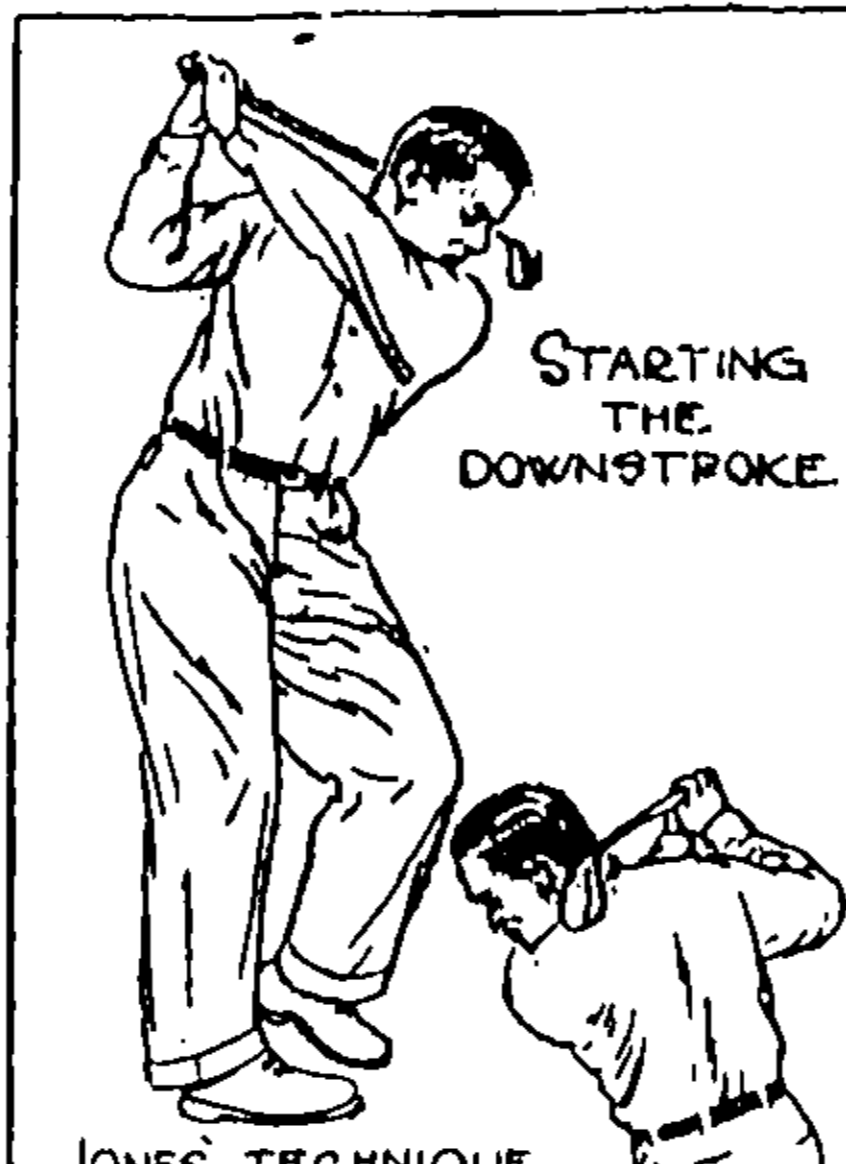
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NEW AID TO BADMINTON?

Interest in badminton in Hong Kong has never been higher than it is at the moment. This, no doubt, is due to the high standard that has been attained by our own players as a result of the "importation" of such exponents of the game as Choy Kok Wah and M. P. Young, both of University, and both of whom have figured so prominently in the open championships.

Be that as it may, it is learned from a reliable source that a number of Queen's College old boys are thinking of forming a badminton club, and they are toying with the idea of approaching the school authorities for permission to "re-open" the badminton court in the school's Great Hall. Provided suitable lighting arrangements can be made, this should be one of the best badminton courts in the Colony, having as it must an overhead clearance of well over 40 feet.

GRAPHIC GOLF



JONES' TECHNIQUE IS TO MOVE FROM UNDER HIS HANDS LEAVING THEM BRIEFLY AT TOP OF STROKE.

DIRECTION CHANGE

By Best Ball

It is oftentimes hard to discern where the backswing ceases and the downswing begins in many strokes. Particularly is this true of those golfers who possess a free flowing style of swinging. In other cases, such as Lawson Little's, there is a momentary pause at the top before the direction change is initiated. In a style in which the total movement seems apparently one motion, it sometimes looks as if the downswing has started before the backswing has been completed. Such of course is not the case. The shift to the left only starts after the backswing has been completed.

Bobby Jones' waving plumelike stroke was patterned along this streamline, one piece style. Yet Jones definitely finished his backward windup before he started his downstroke. Jones started swinging down by moving out from under his hands, leaving them momentarily at the top of the stroke while he started the downswing mechanics underway. The result was that the right arm was brought down into its proper place at the right side and a tendency to preserve the wrist cock until needed.

Next Article:—Keep Weight Forward.

HOME SOCCER RESULTS

The following are the results of Home football matches played last Saturday:—

LONDON CUP
Scotland 1, England 3.
The score at half-time was one all.

INTERNATIONAL MATCH.
Chelsea 2 Queen's Park Rangers 3; Arsenal 3, Tottenham 3.
FOOTBALL LEAGUE (SOUTH)
Bournemouth 2, Southampton 3; Brighton 4, Watford 2; Luton 2, Portsmouth 1; Norwich 5, Southend 3.

SOUTH REGIONAL LEAGUE
Aldershot 3, Fulham 3; Northampton 5, Millwall 1; Reading 6, West Bromwich 3; Wexham 3, Brentford 2.

NORTH REGIONAL LEAGUE
Barnsley 3, Chesterfield 2; Blackpool 1, Manchester City 1; Bradford 5, Rotherham 1; Bury 2, Oldham 3; Halifax 4, Middlesbrough 2; Manchester United 1, Liverpool 1; Newcastle 3, Leeds 2; Preston 1, Blackburn Rovers 0.

REGIONAL MATCHES
Chester 1, Stoke City 0; Doncaster 2, Mansfield Town 1.

MIDLAND CUP FINAL
Leicester City 2, Walsh 0.

LANCASHIRE CUP (SECOND ROUND)
Everton 0, Burnley 2.

After extra time
SCOTTISH SOUTHERN LEAGUE
Albion 1, Dumbarton 2; Hearts 1, Queen's Park 0; St. Mirren 3, Third Lanark 2.

FRIENDLY MATCHES
Grimsby 4, R.A.F. 2; Rochdale 6, R.A.F. 2.

C.R.C. TENNIS TOURNEY

Following are the latest tennis results in the Chinese Recreation Club annual tennis tournament:

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
Second Round:—Paul Kong beat Tsui Wai-pui, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3.

HANDICAP SINGLES
Third Round:—Chung Yue-wing (plus 15.2/0) beat Tsui Yan-pui (-40), 6-4, 4-6, 6-4.

Siu Tak-cheuk (-30) received a walk-over from Ma Wai-kwong (-1/6); Tong Siu-yuen (plus 15) beat Tsoi Tin-fook (plus 15.3/0), 6-3, 8-6.

MEN'S DOUBLES
Second Round:—Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yan-pui beat T. K. Lu and Wong Hok-nin, 8-6, 6-4.

Ho Ka-lau and Hung Wai-chun beat Dew Chok-him and Yip Kuen-hung, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3.

CLUB HANDICAP DOUBLES
Third Round:—Law Ping-fan and Chan Hung-nin (plus 2/6) beat Dew Chok-him and Lau Fook-kee (plus 15), 6-4, 6-2.

Tang Man-chiu and Liang Sai-wah (plus 4/6) beat Siu Tak-lun and Hon Lun-fung (-1/6), 6-1, 6-4.

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following is to-day's tennis Championship programme:

CLUB HANDICAP MIXED DOUBLES

Final
J. S. Theobald and Mrs. Torrible v B. O. M. Deane and Miss Smalley (Stand Court).

HOME RUGBY

Results of Rugby matches played on Saturday were:

League Cup, semi-final:—Leeds 10, Bradford Northern 10; Halifax 11, Wakefield Trinity 10.

Friendly:—Huddersfield 45, Hull 17.—Reuter.



MACAO RACES CASH SWEEPS

Following are the cash sweep results of the Macao Race meeting held yesterday:—

RACE 1
No. 226 \$318.40
" 356 90.90
" 36 45.50

Ticket Nos. 147 and 193, \$25.20 each.

RACE 2
No. 369 \$264.00
" 18 75.40
" 74 37.70

Ticket No. 594, \$20.90.

RACE 3
No. 136 \$292.10
" 84 83.40
" 102 41.70

Ticket No. 314, \$46.30.

RACE 4
No. 387 \$295.70
" 163 84.50
" 118 42.20

Ticket No. 358, \$46.90.

RACE 5
No. 04703 \$7,494.98
" 11052 2,141.42
" 16883 1,070.71

Ticket Nos. 04142, 01502, 23690, 08468, 10344, 08201, 09011, 22436, 15260, 20471 and 21106, \$108.15 each.

GOUGH & HOWLETT SUCCESSFUL

To mark the opening of the new lounge at Police Canteen, Central Police Station, a friendly snooker and darts match was played on Friday evening between members of the Hong Kong and Kowloon contingents, the latter winning both tournaments.

Finals of the snooker and darts competitions, confined to members of the Canteen, were also decided during the evening, C. Gough winning the snooker from C. Goodwin and Howlett beating W. Billingham in the darts.

S/Sgt. Minnihan, of Royal Army Service Corps and Hon. Secretary of Army Football Referees' Association, will be leaving the Colony soon.

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PROMINENT SPORTSMEN LEAVING

(By Squaddy")

Middlesex Regiment will soon be losing two of their most prominent sportsmen in Sgt. Freshwater and Pte. Berry.

Sgt. Freshwater has represented the Battalion for the past 10 years at athletics, Rugby, soccer, cricket, swimming and hockey, though he has been most prominent in soccer circles.

He has played in a large number of representative soccer games while in Hong Kong, and there is no competition in which he has not participated at some time or another.

In 1939 he represented the Col. only in Manila, and would have secured further recognition against Shanghai, Macao and Saigon last year had he been able to secure leave.

Berry has represented his Battalion and Army at water polo and Rugby and has also been in the Combined Services' pack on several occasions. He has also been a member of the Battalion athletic team for the past four years.



SATURDAY'S YACHTING

Only six of the contestants in the No. 1 Closing Cruise over 10 miles, held by the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club on Saturday, finished.

The event, which was for cruisers and four-tonners, was won by Mr. N. V. A. Croucher. "A" and mixed class contestants also failed to finish.

	Finished	Cordd.	Posn.
La Cigale I	17.33.50	17.33.50	1
(Mr. N. V. A. Croucher)			
Yehonala	18.12.25	17.57.43	2
(Mr. Behrman)			
Sea Lark V	19.08.32	18.12.53	3
(Mr. W. J. Hansen)			
Norena	18.13.48	18.13.48	4
(Mr. P. C. M. Sedgwick)			
Typhoon	19.45.00	18.36.30	5
(Mr. L. Thomson)			
Azuma	19.12.01	18.44.31	6
(H. J. Pearce)			

The yachts which did not finish were the Oresund, Tai Wan Shan, Penguin, Red Rover, West Wind, Tyrone, Dorinda, Galavant, Ioha, Gnat, Curlew and Tern.



CRICKET AT HOME STARTS

Instead of the usual heralding with trumpets, the Cricket season made a modest beginning on Saturday with several minor matches.

The London Fire Service, taking a well-earned relaxation, again stole the limelight by opening the season at Lord's against Reading University, who won by seven wickets.—Reuter.

Shell Sports Club, who engaged in a number of friendly Inter-Hong water polo matches last year, will find it difficult to play as many games this summer owing to increased Volunteer duties.

Hogan Is Compared To Bobby Jones

HORTON SMITH believes Ben Hogan's golfing performance for the last two years has been as phenomenal—in a different way—as Bobby Jones' record when the Atlantan was monopolising championships, writes a correspondent from New York.

"That isn't taking anything away from Jones," smiled the handsome Smith as he relaxed after the rigorous international four-ball tournament.

Different Light

"I don't believe Jones' achievements will be equalled in our life-time, but you must analyse him and Hogan in an entirely different light.

"Jones concentrated on major tournaments and won them. Hogan and many of the other professionals, however, are striving for consistent low scores week by week the year round.

"It has almost reached the point where victories are incidental. Naturally, Hogan and every other golfer want to win, but he would prefer to finish near the top in tournament after tournament than to win the national open and make a poor showing the rest of the year.

"At the moment Ben is recognised as golf's top player. Until he and Gene Sarazen won the fourball, Hogan hadn't finished first in a 1941 tournament. Yet he was the top money winner and had the best average score during 1940 and is leading in both departments again this year.

Achieving Goal

"He is achieving his goal, and it is a remarkable thing when you consider the great calibre and quantity of his competition."

Smith, a keen student of golf, turned to an analysis of his own game. In his four-ball semi-final match, Horton went into an amazing putting streak during which he scored birdies on seven out of 10 holes over the difficult Miami Biltmore course.

"The touch came to me suddenly," said Smith. "I had been playing worse this season than in years, chiefly because poor putting had undermined my confidence.

"Even if it meant the loss of tournaments, I would much rather play consistently well than to have one of these occasional brilliant streaks."

BASEBALL SEASON DRAWS NEAR

AS THERE IS YET ANOTHER MONTH BEFORE THE BASEBALL SEASON OFFICIALLY STARTS, THE VARIOUS CLUBS ARE NOW BUSY GETTING TOGETHER THEIR TEAMS.

H.B., who it is understood will again be entering the competition, will be without the services of H. Winglee and M. el Arculli, their catcher and pitcher respectively, but will still have the services of the majority of last year's team.

Sappers are again entering the League and have already started practice. Last year they did not win many games, but they have improved greatly since.

It is understood that the Coatham Road ground will be the venue of the games this year, and if so it is likely that Club de Recreo will also be competing.

Recreo will be able to raise a fairly good side with the Gossno brothers, Beltrao, Alves, Polera and Marques as the nucleus.

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THOUSANDS RESCUED BY AIR FROM GREECE

R.A.F. Part In Evacuation

Biggest Task Of The Campaign

THE GREAT PART PLAYED BY THE R.A.F. IN THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE EMPIRE FORCES FROM GREECE WAS TOLD YESTERDAY BY THE AIR MINISTRY NEWS SERVICE.

Men and women, it says, were evacuated by the R.A.F. while British fighters, heavily outnumbered, guarded the continuous stream of ships that went back and forth.

The order for withdrawal set the R.A.F. the biggest task of the campaign, it says. Bombers, flyingboats, captured enemy aircraft and British fighters played an outstanding part in getting Empire troops safely away.

All day and all night aircraft of every type—bombers, flyingboats, training machines and civil aircraft, packed to capacity with

in the attack on Liverpool and Merseyside. Instead of dropping flares and incendiaries to light the targets, explosive bombs of all sizes were rained down from the outset.

Many buildings were demolished and casualties were heavy. Meanwhile other Nazi raiders were engaged in the conventional fire blitz on other towns.

An air raid shelter was demolished in a north-east coast town, several being killed and injured. —International News Service.

human cargo, flew to safety and returned for more.

The R.A.F. has countless stories of gallantry to tell of the evacuation.

In addition to thousands of men and women brought away by air, thousands more were guarded as they made the journey in big and little ships.

Greatest Triumph

The personnel of the no longer existing British Air Forces in Greece scored perhaps the greatest triumph of six months' arduous campaigning and though the R.A.F. suffered heavy losses the enemy suffered far greater.

When, owing to the enemy break through on the left flank, the army commanders decided to withdraw to a new line, the R.A.F. suffered the severest blow of the campaign.

They were forced back to two or three bases only and to the odd temporary landing grounds they had used at the start.

All the new aerodromes which had been built were lost or were too close to the enemy lines to be used.

The enemy hammered the few remaining bases continuously so it became impossible to obtain replacements of aircraft.

Great Damage

Nevertheless available planes took off all the time and inflicted great damage on the enemy forces.

Details of the campaign before Germany invaded Greece show that at the end of six months' arduous fighting against Italy, R.A.F. bombers had carried out more than 300 raids and nearly 300 aircraft were confirmed as destroyed in the air, besides a huge total of aircraft damaged in the air and on the ground.—Reuter.

TRANS-JORDAN DISCUSSION

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THE DEVELOPMENTS IN IRAQ WERE GIVEN CONSIDERATION AT A LUNCHEON GIVEN ON SATURDAY BY EMIR ABDULLAH OF TRANS-JORDAN IN HONOUR OF EMIR ABDUL ILAH, HIS NEPHEW, SAYS A DESPATCH FROM AMMAN TO CAIRO.

Several former Iraq Ministers, as well as Arab leaders from Palestine and Trans-Jordan, also attended the luncheon.—Reuter.

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DANGEROUS TRADE IN BREST

"Owing to the British bombing raids on Brest," where the Scharnhorst and Gneisenau are lying, Admiral Darlan, according to a Paris despatch to the official German news agency, has decided that all workers in Brest harbour who are heads of families shall receive an additional allowance of 300 francs a month.—Reuter.

NEW BLITZ TACTICS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Within an hour of a furious R.A.F. bombardment of the German-occupied invasion coast of France the Luftwaffe was lashing the Liverpool area for the third successive night.

The Luftwaffe, passing London en route to the north-west, caused an alert but the all clear went before dawn. Flares were dropped on the outskirts of London, but no bombs followed.

New blitz tactics were used

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ADOLF HITLER EXCELS HIMSELF

(Continued from Page 1)

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"Force of arms will never make us yield, let alone break up. The German soldier will be given still better weapons this year and next year."

"I assure you I face the future with perfect calm and the greatest confidence."

"Germany and her allies represent a force superior to any possible combination and the year 1941 will be inscribed in history as the greatest year of the rise of our nation."

To "Almighty God"

Hitler expressed thanks "to Almighty God for allowing Germany

STOP PRESS

Over a thousand "ex-night-soil coolies," mostly women with babies strapped to their backs and trailing children, marched through Caine Road this morning towards Government House.

At 10.30 a.m. the coolies had not yet reached Government House. It is stated that they intend to request an interview with His Excellency the Governor, to whom they intend to present a petition outlining their grievances and suggesting a postponement of Government control of night-soil removal.

to achieve such successes with so little loss of life."

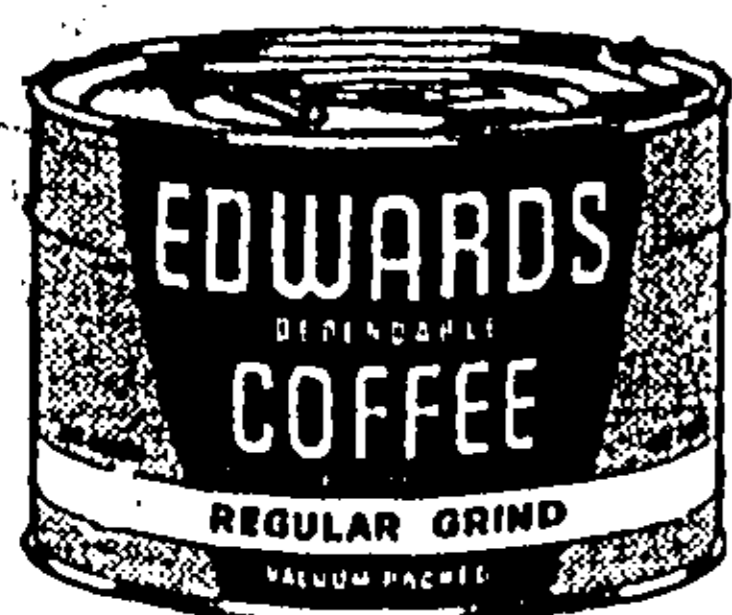
He added "We can only beg him not to forsake our people also in the future."

Hitler concluded: "In this Jewish capitalistic age the National-Socialist state stands out as a solid monument to commonsense."

"The National-Socialist state will not only survive this war but will survive for a thousand years to come."—Reuter.

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EUROPE'S MALIGNED 'COOING DOVE' GIVES REICHSTAG SPEECH

THE USUAL DIATRIBE AGAINST MR. CHURCHILL, WITH AN ADDITIONAL ACCUSATION AGAINST "SO-CALLED DEMOCRACIES ON BOTH SIDES OF THE OCEAN," WAS DELIVERED BY HITLER IN A SPEECH AT THE REICHSTAG SESSION IN BERLIN LAST EVENING.

Hitler's arrival at the Reichstag building was heralded by the playing of "Deutschland Uber Alles." After a two-minute pause Hitler entered the hall and all members of the Reichstag rose to their feet.

The members stood in memory of some dozen members who have fallen in the battle. The names of the fallen were read out by Goering.

Hitler began speaking shortly after 6 p.m. and was greeted with tremendous applause and shouts of "Sieg Heil."

Hitler said: "At a time when deeds are everything I do not intend to come before you more than absolutely necessary."

"I turned to you for the first time at the outbreak of war, when thanks to the Franco-British conspiracy against peace, every attempt at a settlement with Poland, otherwise certainly possible, had failed."

"Small Clique!"

"All my attempts to reach with Britain a particularly permanent and friendly cooperation were frustrated by the wish of a small clique, which turned down every German proposal for an understanding."

"Moving spirit of this plan, as fanatical as it was diabolical, to get war at any price, was, even at that time, Churchill and his assistants, men who now form his Government. The strongest open and concealed support was accorded these efforts by the so-called great Democracies on both sides of the ocean."

"At a time when discontent was increasing among nations, responsible men there, with their failing art of government, considered they could best master problems for which there was no longer any other solution by a successful war."

"Behind them stood the great international Jewish banks and exchanges."

Peace Offer

Referring to his so-called peace offer after the fall of France, Hitler said the European war-mongers succeeded in inducing populations to continue the struggle, and as once before they were again ready to sacrifice the blood of nations without scruple in the interests of their gold!

Referring to the attack on Yugoslavia and Greece, Hitler said the operation was greatly facilitated by the sympathetic assistance of Hungary and the loyal attitude of Rumania, without which it would have been extremely difficult to carry.

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HALF IRAQI AIR FORCE DESTROYED

Half the Iraqi air force has been destroyed or put out of action, according to a special R.A.F. communique issued in Cairo last night.

The communique stated that bomber aircraft of the R.A.F. carried out another heavy attack on the Iraqi aerodrome at Moascar Rashid yesterday.

Severe damage was caused to aerodrome buildings and workshops and at least 22 Iraqi aircraft put out of action.

A number of air combats occurred resulting in several hostile aircraft being disabled.

A railway line was bombed and an armoured train turned back. Many raids were made on Iraqi gun positions, mechanised units and troop concentrations outside Habbaniyah and many direct hits were obtained. These targets were bombed throughout the day.

Direct Hits

In a later raid on Moascar Rashid aerodrome direct hits were registered on sheds, buildings and aircraft.

Two Iraqi fighters attempting to intercept our bombers were shot down. Our aircraft returned safely to base.

The 25 Iraqi aircraft destroyed would appear to represent half the Iraqi air force, which at the outbreak of war on September 3, 1939, numbered 50, including 36 front-line machines.—Reuter.

HEAVY RAID ON MALTA

Two separate waves of enemy aircraft heavily raided Malta on Saturday night.

Bombs were dropped indiscriminately, damaging civilian and Government property.

Two German bombers were brought down for certain and a third damaged.

A few people were killed and a few seriously injured.—Reuter.

LONDON GETS ALERT AFTER 8-DAY LULL

London had a night alert for the second night in succession after a lull of eight days.

No gunfire was heard for some time after the alarm.

Raiders were reported over several parts of Britain.—Reuter.

Nightsoil Protest Tactics Continue

Over a thousand "ex-night-soil coolies," mostly women with babies strapped to their backs and trailing children, marched through Caine Road this morning to Government House.

They were only prevented from entering the grounds by the arrival, just in time, of the emergency unit in full strength, under A.S.P. Luscomb and A.S.P. Thompson.

Having ushered the procession beyond the main gate to Government House, the police blocked all road access with policemen seven deep at key points.

The four representatives who had, presumably, been delegated by the marchers to present their petition to His Excellency, were advised to see the Colonial Secretary or Sir Robert Kotewall.

The advice met with no immediate response, the demonstrators "parking" themselves on the open ground, between Upper Albert Road and Garden Road, some of them "weeping and wailing" and others smoking cigarettes and gossiping.

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SIGNIFICANCE IN ROOSEVELT PHRASE?

SPEAKING AT THE DEDICATION OF WOODROW WILSON'S BIRTHPLACE AT STAUNTON, VIRGINIA, AS A NATIONAL SHRINE YESTERDAY, PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT DECLARED THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAD FOUGHT BEFORE AND WERE "EVER READY TO FIGHT AGAIN" FOR THE EXISTENCE OF "DEMOCRACY IN THE WORLD."

The President said Woodrow Wilson taught that Democracy could not survive in isolation. "We applaud his judgment and his faith," the President added.

Declaring the Manse where Woodrow Wilson was born "a new shrine of freedom," President Roosevelt said that by the act of dedication "we are bearing true witness to the faith that is in us, a simple faith in the freedom of Democracy in the world."

"It is the kind of faith for which we have fought before and for the existence of which we are ever ready to fight again."

President Roosevelt expressed faith that Democracy would emerge triumphant from the "tragic conflict which the world witnesses to-day."

"ALL RECORDED HISTORY BEARS WITNESS THAT THE HUMAN RACE HAS MADE TRUE ADVANCEMENT ONLY AS IT HAS APPRECIATED HUMAN VALUES."

Destiny Of Sword

"Those unhappy peoples who have placed their sole reliance on the sword have inevitably perished by the sword in the end."

"Physical strength can never permanently withstand the impact of spiritual force."

Lord and Lady Halifax, Mr. and Mrs. Cordell Hull and Mrs. Woodrow Wilson were among the large gathering who applauded strongly when President Roosevelt notified the world that the United States was "ever ready to fight again."

Further cheers greeted the President's declaration that those relying on the sword would perish by it.

Eulogy

The remainder of the President's speech was devoted to an eulogy of Woodrow Wilson as a statesman who tried to bring nearer the day of "emancipation of conscience from power and the substitution of freedom in the government of the world." — **Reuter.**

COLOGNE'S FIRST TASTE

SATURDAY NIGHT'S RAID ON COLOGNE, ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT CENTRES OF GERMAN INDUSTRY AND COMMUNICATIONS, GAVE THE CITY ITS FIRST EXPERIENCE OF THE NEW VERY POWERFUL BRITISH BOMBS.

Clouds could not hide the signs of progressive ruin in the city. Flashes of detonating bombs hit up the R.A.F. aircraft through the clouds and there were big fires in areas between the Hohenzollern Bridge and the centre of the town. — **British Wireless.**

CAT IS RAIL TRAVELLER

"Pussy-cat, pussy-cat, where have you been..."

Panda, black and white pet cat of Miss Alice Edmonds, couldn't tell you where he's been, though he's been most places.

He wants to see the world and is probably England's most widely travelled cat.

His mistress, a schoolteacher near Woodborough, Wilts, travels by train from there to Newbury, Berks, and back once, or sometimes twice, a week.

And Panda accompanies her. If she tries to leave him behind he follows her to the station.

When not on a train he's generally to be seen peeping out of the basket on Miss Edmonds's bicycle.

Wears A Collar

Getting ready for a journey is his star turn. He'll carry his own rug downstairs to be packed and sit on his mistress's suitcase until it is time to leave.

He wears a collar and lead and will follow like a dog.

Stationmasters and porters all know him, and once on the train Panda is sure to find a corner seat where he sits up and looks out of the window.

"Panda is a most amazing cat. Almost human," Miss Edmonds's sister, who lives at Newbury, told me.

"He once followed my sister to school, but he must have been disappointed when he found there wasn't a journey the other end. He didn't stay and he never followed her there again."

MUSIC WHILE THEY EAT

A FAMOUS HOME COUNTIES REGIMENT HAS FOUND A NEW WAY OF BRIGHTENING BAR-RACK MEALS — TEATIME DANCE MUSIC BY THE REGIMENTAL BAND.

Hundreds of soldiers greeted the innovation with enthusiasm.

"Latest tunes, with vocal and novelty numbers, were included in the programme," a soldier said.

"The band turned the dull routine of five o'clock tea into something homely. Instead of going into the dining-hall, hastily swallowing tea and rushing out for the evening, the men had to be turned out at the end of the performance."

U.S. ARMY TRAINING FOR "1941-42 WARFARE"

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The U. S. Secretary of Navy promised in a speech yesterday that "in 90 days this nation will be producing more combatant equipment than any country in the world, including Germany."

After reviewing the 44th Division, Col. Knox said the Army was being trained "for 1941-42 kind of warfare. This army will stack up against any in the world." — **International News Service.**

SANCTUARY VIOLATED BY IRAQIS

When tension in Iraq became acute, Rashid Ali offered facilities to the British Minister for the removal of British women and children from Baghdad to the shelter of the R.A.F. station at Habbaniyah, it was revealed in Simla yesterday.

That "sanctuary" was promptly violated by the Iraq forces surrounding the station.

The Imperial troops now in Iraq, despite overt provocation by Iraqi troops, are occupying only certain points essential to fulfilment of the Anglo-Iraq Treaty terms. It was stated in Simla. — **Reuter.**

VIGOROUS ACTION BY R.A.F. IN NEAR EAST THEATRES

VIGOROUS ACTION by the R.A.F. in Iraq, the Mediterranean, Libya and Abyssinia is reported in an R.A.F. Middle East communique issued in Cairo.

R.A.F. bombers attacked a convoy of enemy merchant ships escorted by destroyers in the Mediterranean. Direct hits were made on destroyers and three merchant ships of 12,000, 8,000 and 4,000 tons respectively.

R.A.F. bombers heavily attacked petrol dumps and magazines at an Iraqi aerodrome at Moreat, outside Baghdad. The bombs demolished military buildings and damaged aircraft on the ground.

During this operation the British bombers also shot down an Iraqi aircraft and severely damaged others.

The shelling of Habbaniyah aerodrome by Iraqi guns was resumed early yesterday morning, causing some casualties to non-combatants.

Reply To Fire

In reply British aircraft bombed and machine-gunned mechanised transport, with the result that the shelling was reduced.

Bombers continued to harass the enemy in Cyrenaica.

The aerodrome at Benina was heavily attacked at night. Two Junkers troop-carriers were destroyed by bombs and machine-gun fire and many others severely damaged.

The aerodrome was again severely bombed in daylight and many other Junkers troop-carriers damaged.

Benghazi Fire

In Benghazi a large fire and violent explosions were caused on military objectives.

The R.A.F. has again given continuous and powerful support to the successful operations of British ground forces in the Amba Alagi and Falagi Pass areas of Abyssinia.

Great destruction was caused to enemy fortifications, motor transport and supplies by bombs and machine-gun attacks.

Heavy casualties were inflicted on enemy troops.

From all the foregoing operations, adds the communique, all our aircraft returned safely. — **Reuter.**

VICTORY AT TOBRUK

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A BRITISH VICTORY IN THE THREE-DAY BATTLE OF TOBRUK IS CLAIMED IN CAIRO, WITH AN ASSERTION THAT FIGHTING HAS DIED DOWN.

After suffering terrible losses the Axis columns were forced to recoil for reinforcement and reformation after defeat in a day-long series of attacks. — **International News Service.**

Official Communique

A Cairo G.H.Q. communique yesterday stated "Libya—although the enemy attack against the outer defences of Tobruk may be renewed it was definitely brought to a standstill on Saturday afternoon when enemy tanks withdrew in the face of vigorous artillery fire."

In the Sollum area our mechanised forces again carried out a successful raid, inflicting casualties and capturing prisoners.

Abyssinia—another important feature has been captured by our troops advancing on Amba Alagi. In the southern districts operations are continuing. — **British Wireless.**



The Prime Minister being cheered as he walked through damaged areas in Portsmouth. — (Copyright, Fox.)

FIGHTING CONTINUES IN IRAQ

Substantial British Reinforcements On Way

Iraqi Attacks Easily Repulsed

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

HEAVY BRITISH REINFORCEMENTS, INCLUDING TANKS AND ARMoured CARS, HAVE BEEN LANDED AT HAIFA EN ROUTE TO IRAQ, WHILE THE R.A.F. HAS GONE INTO ACTION FROM BASES IN PALESTINE, AND THE EXILED IRAQ PREMIER, ABDUL ILLAH, HAS ARRIVED IN TRANS-JORDAN TO MOBILISE AN ARMY TO MARCH AGAINST RASHID ALI.

An Iraqi attack, with the aim of seizing Iraq's only seaport at Basra, has been hammered back by British Imperial troops in the second of two heavy battles raging, though the Iraq troops were supported by artillery.

As the British defenders of besieged Habbaniyah aerodrome fought off repeated Iraqi assaults, British and Indian troops at Basra, 250 miles to the south-east, met native columns north of the port and flung them into retreat.

The Iraq forces opened the attack with artillery but British guns replied and British tanks and motorised units advanced, shattering the Iraqi push.

German reports that 800 Indian troops in the Basra sector went over with their equipment to the Iraqis are officially denied in London.

It is admitted that several British planes were destroyed at Habbaniyah.

German Air Support

It is reliably learned in London that in response to Rashid Ali's appeal the Luftwaffe is diverting squadrons to the Near East.

From the Balkans, Stuka fighters have arrived in the Greek Aegean Islands and the Dodecanese, though a major fleet is en route from Libya.

Although the Iraqis have resumed the heavy bombardment of Habbaniyah the defenders are holding out valiantly.—International News Service.

U.S. AID REACHES SUEZ CANAL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

TWENTY-SIX AMERICAN MERCHANTMEN LOADED WITH WAR MATERIALS HAVE REACHED SUEZ. IT WAS REPORTED YESTERDAY.

In Washington an official denial was issued of the report, which alleged that U.S. warships were escorting the merchantmen.

The Navy Department declared: "No U.S. Navy ships are employed on convoy duty."—International News Service.

A Vichy report says Rashid Ali has ordered work on the Iraq Petroleum Company's concession to be suspended, according to a message from Baghdad. It is reported that certain refineries are to continue work for the benefit of Rashid's troops.—Reuter.

TRANS-JORDAN DISCUSSION

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THE DEVELOPMENTS IN IRAQ WERE GIVEN CONSIDERATION AT A LUNCHEON GIVEN ON SATURDAY BY EMIR ABDULLAH OF TRANS-JORDAN IN HONOUR OF EMIR ABDUL ILLAH, HIS NEPHEW, SAYS A DESPATCH FROM AMMAN TO CAIRO.

Several former Iraq Ministers, as well as Arab leaders from Palestine and Trans-Jordan, also attended the luncheon.—Reuter.



"Swift and Sure" is their motto and they endeavour to live up to it. Whether it is the delivery of messages or the laying of cables, speed is an essential to this modern arm of the service upon which so much depends. Photo shows some of the motor cyclists, in their crash helmets, about to start off on a cross country run. (Copyright, Fox).

IRAQIAN REGENT SEEKING TO RALLY COUNTRY

IT WAS OFFICIALLY announced in London yesterday that British troops have occupied the airport, dock area and power station at Basra. The Iraqis agreed to withdraw their forces but despite an extension of the time allowed, failed to do so, and the British forces drove them out by bombing and artillery fire.

Meanwhile His Royal Highness Emir Abdul Illah, has issued a proclamation in Palestine calling on Iraqis to rise against Rashid Ali and asserting that "Rashid Ali and other ill-disposed persons, bought by foreign gold, have by force thrust me from my sacred duties as guardian of my nephew, your beloved young King."

Abdul Illah declared: "Under their evil sway the noble land of Iraq has been poisoned by falsehood and lies and brought from the blessings of peace to the horrors of venomous war."

"My duty is plain. I am returning to restore the tarnished honour of my native land and lead it back to peaceful prosperity under the lawfully constituted Government."

"I call upon all true sons of Iraq to drive out this band of traitors and restore to our beloved country true liberty and independence."

Lies And Intrigues

"Recall your sons and brothers from this war, brought upon your hands by the lies and intrigues of foreigners thinking only of their selfish interests."

"Soldiers! Go peacefully to your stations and there peacefully await my restoration of an independent Iraqi constitutional Government."

"Long live King Faisal the Second!"

EVACUATION ADVISED IN CYPRUS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE GOVERNOR YESTERDAY ADVISED ALL BRITISH CIVILIANS TO EVACUATE CYPRUS VOLUNTARILY.

Nicosia, capital of Cyprus, had its first air raid alarm but no developments occurred.—International News Service.

ANGLO-TURKISH TALK ON IRAQ DEVELOPMENTS

SIR HUGHE Knatchbull-Hugessen, the British Ambassador, saw Dr. Sarajoglu, the Turkish Foreign Minister, yesterday when doubtless, following the usual practice, the Ambassador informed Dr. Sarajoglu of all the latest developments in the Iraqi situation.

The Turks appear to have the fullest understanding and sympathy with Britain's attitude and deplore Rashid Ali's action, which was inspired by the Axis.

His appeal for German help has actively lowered his stock in Ankara because if the Axis could give him effective help, which is regarded as most unlikely, the result would be a further encirclement of Turkey by the Axis.

In unofficial Turkish circles regret is expressed that Britain allowed matters to go so far and did not act earlier in the face of strong German agitation in the Arab States and Iran.

Von Papen

The leading light in the German trouble-making machine in the Near East is believed to be the Nazi Ambassador to Turkey, von Papen, himself, who is returning

to Ankara shortly.

With his return the Reich may be expected to redouble its efforts to embarrass the British.

A statement alleged to have been made by Baghdad radio that the Arabs are fighting in Palestine, may perhaps indicate coming German attempts to cause trouble there.—Reuter.

FAMILIES REACH HAIFA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

British women and children from Iraq are arriving by plane at Haifa and the evacuation is nearing completion.—International News Service.

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GERMAN LOSSES IN RAID ON MERSEYSIDE

THE DESTRUCTION by fighters of 14 of 16 enemy bombers shot down during Saturday night was the Fighter Command's most successful night of the war, states an Air Ministry bulletin.

Further claims for the destruction of others are being investigated.

Highest number of raiders previously brought down in one night was 13, and of those one was brought down by A.A. fire and another "by unspecified means."

Saturday night's achievement brings the total down over Britain in the first three nights of May to 21.

In addition one was brought down by British fighters over France on Friday night.

Of 163 brought down in raids on Britain in April, 84 fell to British fighters.

German Losses

Since war began the Luftwaffe in day and night raids on Britain, have now lost 3,327 planes.

Confirming that 16 enemy aircraft were destroyed on Saturday night, an Air Ministry communiqué says one of them was brought down by the balloon barrage and two by A.A. fire.

The remainder were shot down by British fighters, in addition to one over Northern France.

Enemy aircraft crossed the south-east and south-west coasts in daylight yesterday, penetrating a few miles inland, but no bombs hitherto have been reported dropped. —Reuter.

SCHOOLS TO HELP FARMERS

School holidays are to be arranged to coincide with the times when farmers need help.

An Education Board official told a reporter so in explaining an Order issued by the Board.

This empowers local education authorities to close schools at short notice to release children for seasonal farm work.

It does not mean that children will get more holidays, or that they will have to work on a farm if their school is closed.

"Many children gave invaluable help to farmers last year by working during their holidays," said the official.

Willing Volunteers

"The Government is anxious that this willing source of help should be interfered with as little as possible.

"If a farmer needs help he can apply through his county War Agricultural Committee for school-children to be released.

"A census will be taken of children willing to help, and, if the farmer's demands can be met from one school, only that school will be closed.

"It is not expected there will be any lack of volunteers—especially at fruit-picking time."

The Board of Education makes it clear that the Order will be operated with due regard to maintenance of the health and education of the children.

INTERNEES WANT R.A.F. NEWS

Interest in the activities of the Royal Air Force is encountered in unexpected quarters. The German internees in the Isle of Man, appear to want to read about the exploits of our airmen in the newspaper which is produced by them (for internal circulation).

The Editor of this paper, "The Onchan Pioneer," has asked for a regular supply of the "Air Ministry Weekly News Letter."

It is hoped that the inhabitants of the internees' camp at Onchan will derive pleasure as well as profit from what they read of the Royal Air Force in extracts from the News Letter appearing in their own newspaper.

U.S. ARAB LEADER'S APPEAL

The following statement has been made by De Faud I Shatara, President of the Arab National League in the U.S.A.: "We are watching with great anxiety the developments in Iraq, and we greatly sympathise with all efforts to attain legitimate Iraqi aspirations by peaceful means.

"England may have erred in the past and we recognise the position in Palestine as being far from satisfactory for all parties concerned but under Hitler there can be no future for the Arab world. "It was England which liberated the Arabs of Iraq and aided them to become a proud and independent people.

We therefore believe it would be in the best interests of Iraq and all other Arab states to maintain the traditional friendly relations with Britain and attempt to adjust all differences by means of direct negotiations with British representatives and the Arab world.

"The United States, country of our adoption, is lending full support to the world Democracies.

"Its tremendous resources are bound to ensure the victory of Britain and the other Democracies.

"We urge you not to be misled by temporary Axis victories but the ultimate outcome of the war." — British Wireless.

WEDDING DAY OFF

On the day arranged for the ceremony, it was announced that the marriage between Major Ralph M. Smith, of the Devonshire Regiment, and Miss Veronica Meagher, second daughter of Surgeon Rear-Admiral Meagher, and Mrs. Meagher, of Chailley, Sussex, will not now take place.

Their engagement was made known only nine days ago, when it was stated that the wedding would be at Brompton Oratory.

Major Smith is the second son of Mr. Cecil A. Smith and Mrs. Smith, of the Flagstaff, Northam, Devon.

Surgeon Rear-Admiral Edward Thomas Meagher formerly lived at Wimbledon.

This is the seventh broken engagement publicly announced this year.

At Mr. Cecil Smith's home at Northam, North Devon, it was stated: "There is nothing to be said about it. The wedding is definitely off."

NEW BLITZ TACTICS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Within an hour of a furious R.A.F. bombardment of the German-occupied invasion coast of France the Luftwaffe was lashing the Liverpool area for the third successive night.

The Luftwaffe, passing London en route to the north-west, caused an alert but the all clear went before dawn. Flares were dropped on the outskirts of London, but no bombs followed.

New blitz tactics were used in the attack on Liverpool and Merseyside. Instead of dropping flares and incendiaries to light the targets, explosive bombs of all sizes were rained down from the outset.

Many buildings were demolished and casualties were heavy.

Meanwhile other Nazi raiders were engaged in the conventional fire blitz on other towns.

An air raid shelter was demolished in a north-east coast town, several being killed and injured. —International News Service.

HOUNDED OUT OF WANCHAI

"Tse Fa" gambling establishments in Wanchai are gradually closing down as a result of police activity, over 100 such places having "put up the shutters" during the last fortnight, it is estimated in police quarters.

It has been noted that in most recent cases brought into Court, defendants, contrary to earlier practice, have taken gaol sentences instead of paying fines.

The Police believe that this is a result of an arrangement between the "keepers" and the syndicates, the latter finding it apparently more economical to pay a daily remuneration to the "agent" or "keeper" during imprisonment than to pay the fines imposed.

Establishments in Wanchai, where police surveillance is most alert, are believed to be seeking new pastures.

SOLD FOR CASH

THE BOMBER FUND RAF-FLE WINNERS OF THE SUN-BEAM TALBOT CAR AND THE SAILING YACHT HAVE BOTH CONVERTED THEIR PRIZES INTO CASH.

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(By A Special Correspondent)

THE HUMBLE RABBIT, "dratted pest" of the farmer, is assisting Britain to win the war. Not only is its flesh helping to eke out meat rations, but the fur, exported to the United States, is bringing back precious dollars to help pay for vital war materials.

"I'll buy every rabbit skin I can lay my hands on," said Mr. Arthur Budinger, proprietor of a British fur exporting company, to the "Daily Mirror."

"Look at this!" He showed me an order for a quarter of a million skins just received from America.

"I'll take any kind of skin I can get," he said.

"I'll even place contracts for their pelts before the rabbits are born. But skins I must have. For there are plenty more orders coming from the States—and the price is going up."

Before the war U.S.A. depended largely on France and Belgium for rabbit skins.

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England alone produces more than sixty million rabbit skins, worth over a million pounds, in a single year.

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Rabbit farms are being started all over the country to produce fine-quality skins, specially for export.

THEY ADOPT 'HUSBANDS'

(BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)

Officers' wives staying near a training camp have adopted "husbands"—men in the ranks who can't darn and sew on a button.

There are a dozen wives and they have adopted a dozen "husbands."

Most of the men have been spoilt by their own wives at home and can't get used to "doing" for themselves.

Their "war wives" meet twice a week to do their mending for them. This scheme at a North Wales camp came about after the officers' wives had heard their husbands grumbling about the untidiness of some married soldiers.

They got together and volunteered to start a sewing bee.

"Now WE get into trouble when a man looks untidy," a young lieutenant's wife told me laughingly.

"We certainly started something."

Every Tuesday and Thursday there is a queue of men waiting outside the barracks medical room which has been lent for the sewing bee.

It is furnished with easy chairs from the sergeants' mess. The wives press trousers and darn and sew on buttons.

"A Bit Spoiled"

Apart from this, they started an unofficial advice bureau.

Domestic wrinkles—on the best way to wash clothes or keep buttons clean—are some of the tips they had out.

Often their advice is asked on what to send the wife for her birthday. They buy the present, too, if they are asked to do so.

Said a young gunner: "There is not much the officers can say when they see us on parade."

Said the colonel: "We're pleased—even if the men are getting a bit spoilt."

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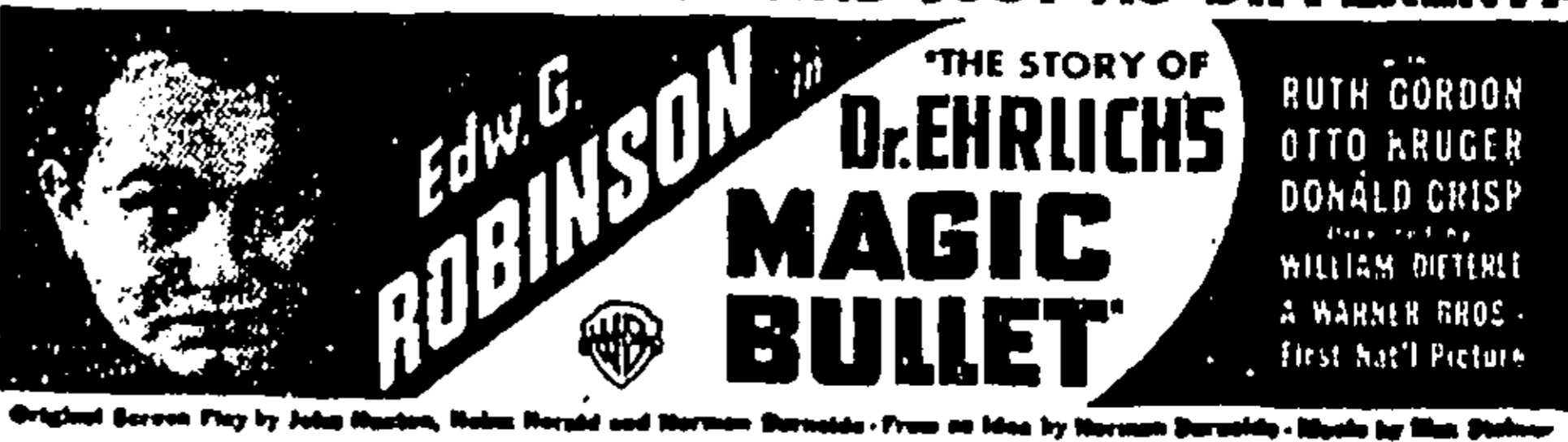
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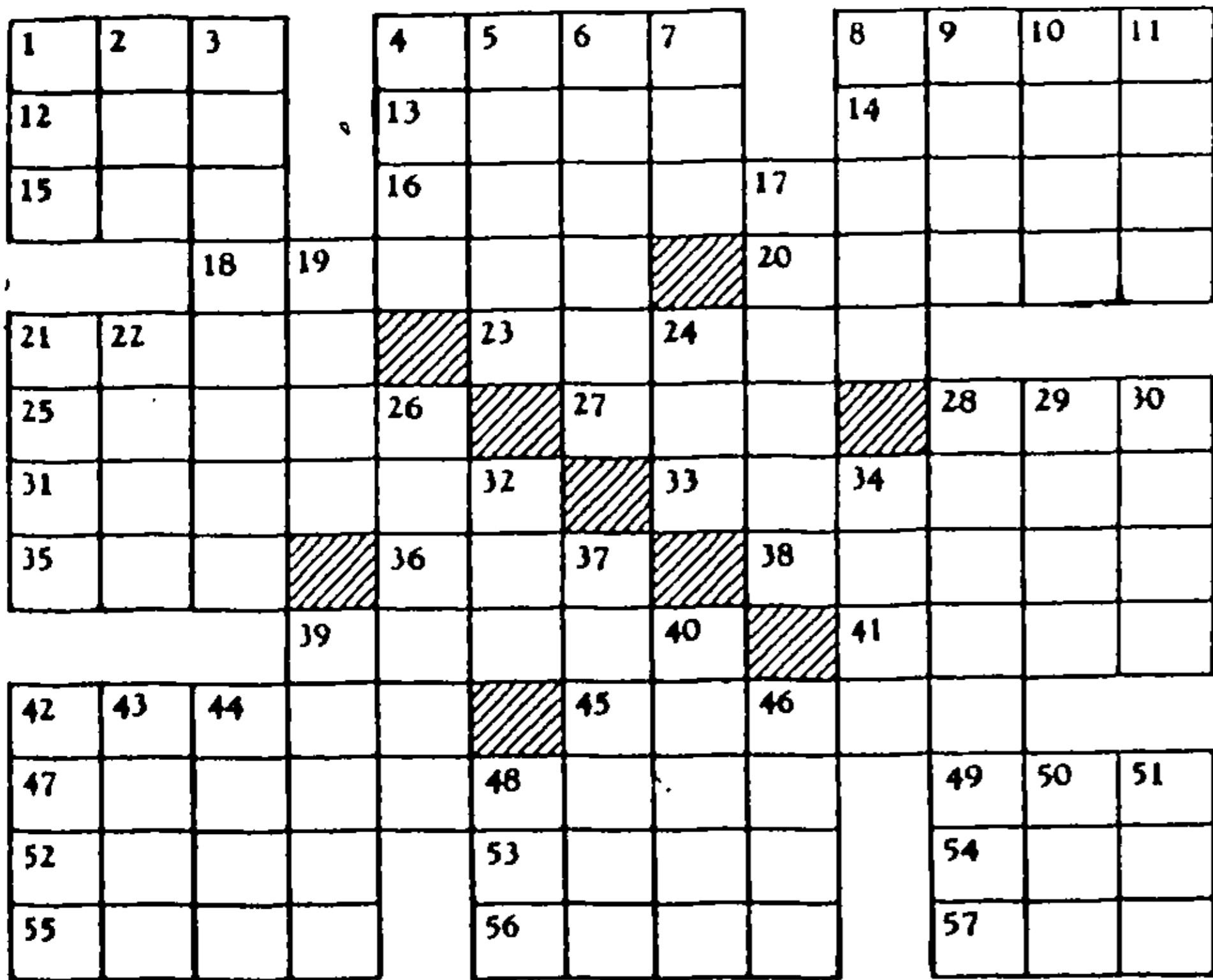
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- 18 To gather
- 20 Loom deposit
- 21 To heal
- 23 Oven
- 25 Archaic concerning
- 27 Celine monkey
- 28 Total
- 31 Remote from point of origin
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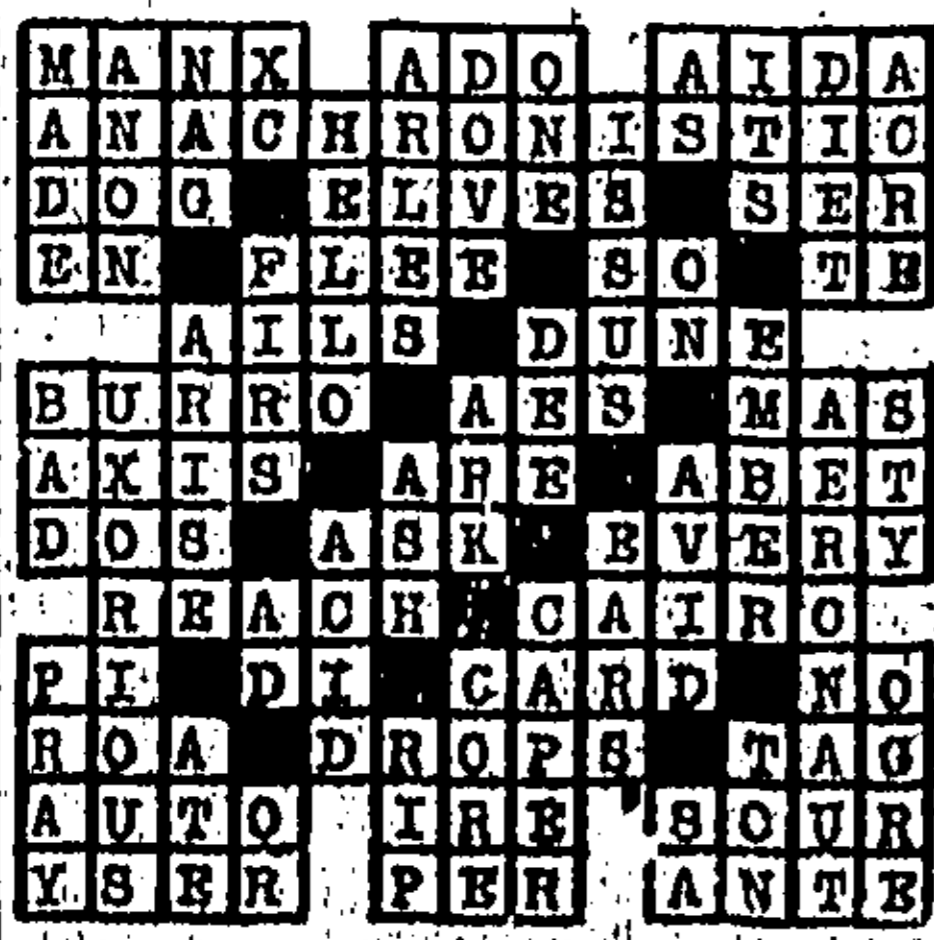
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- 11 Hearing organs
- 17 Mischievous
- 19 Looped
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- 24 Cereal grass
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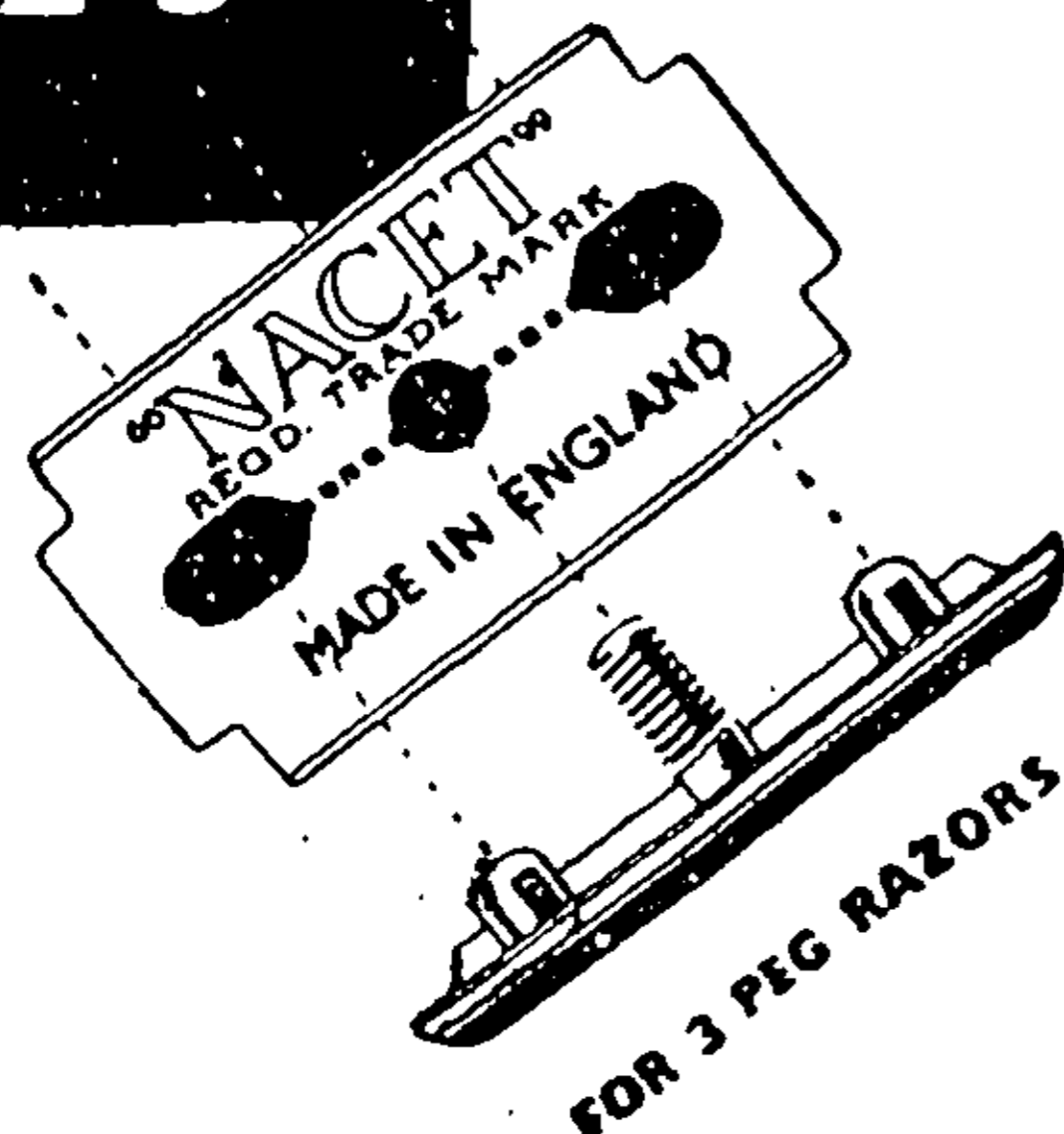
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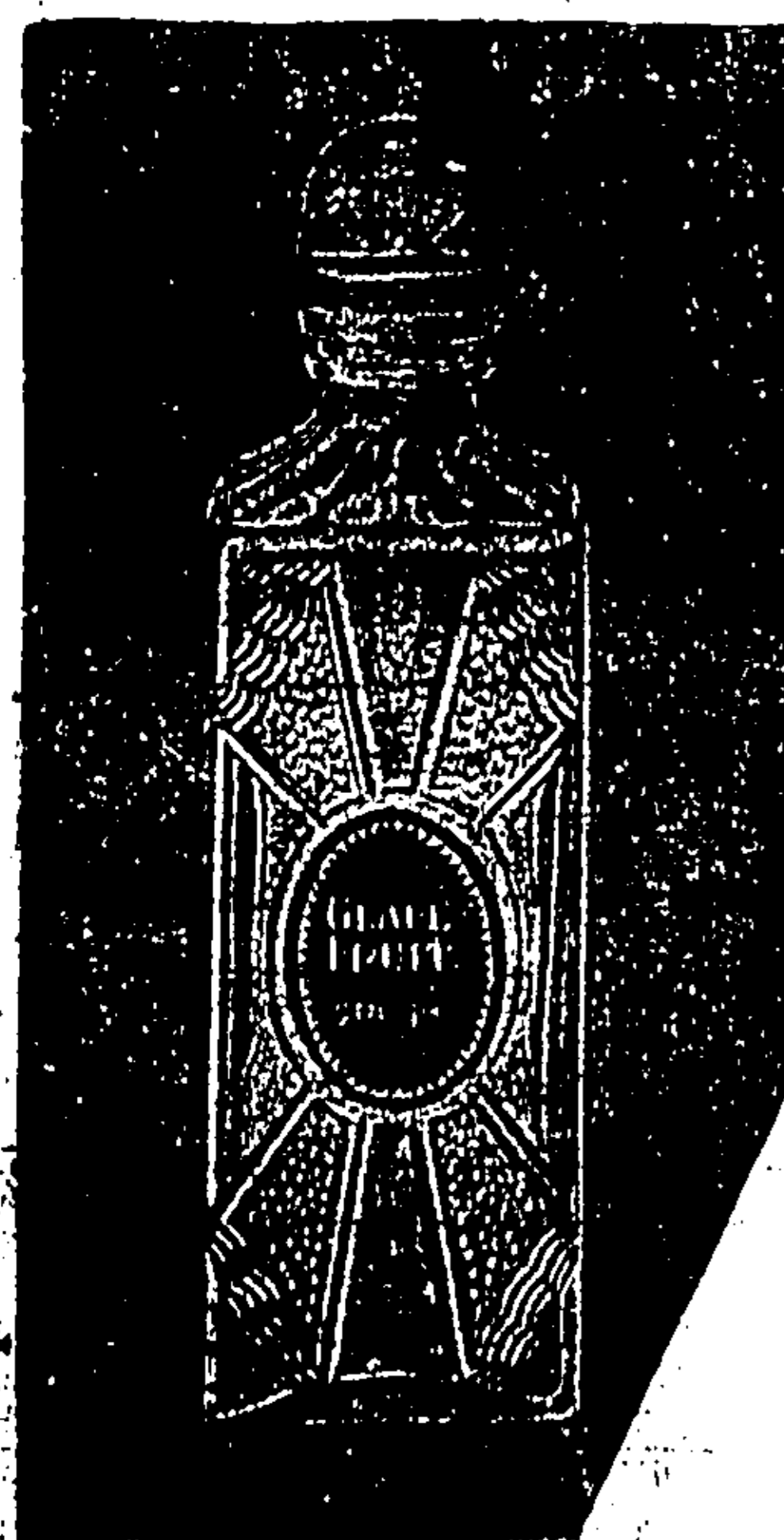
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ADOLF HITLER EXCELS HIMSELF

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"Germany and her allies represent a force superior to any possible combination and the year 1941 will be inscribed in history as the greatest year of the rise of our nation."

To "Almighty God"

Hitler expressed thanks "to Almighty God for allowing Germany to achieve such successes with so little loss of life."

He added "We can only beg him not to forsake our people also in the future."

Hitler concluded: "In this Jewish-capitalistic age the National-Socialist state stands out as a solid monument to commonsense."

"The National-Socialist state will not only survive this war but will survive for a thousand years to come," - Reuter.

After stating the German version of the origin of the war, Hitler said that a few weeks after the outbreak the State which had been reckless enough to allow itself to be used for the financial interests of the warmongers was annihilated and destroyed.

"In these circumstances, I considered I should make yet another appeal to the commonsense and conscience of these statesmen."

"On October 6, 1939, I therefore once more publicly stated that Germany neither demanded nor intended to demand any thing either from Britain or France, and that it was madness to continue the war."

"Just as the appeal of September 1, 1939, proved vain, this renewed appeal also met with an almost indignant rejection."

"The British warmongers and their Jewish-capitalistic bankers could find no other explanation of this appeal, which I had made on humanitarian grounds, than an assumption of weakness on the part of Germany."

"They declared such a peace must in no circumstances be made until the German Reich was broken up and the German people so defeated and reduced to such distress that they would queue up beside the field kitchens of their enemies begging for food."

Plotting Norwegians

"At that time the Norwegian Government, misled by the stubborn insistence of Churchill's prophecies, already had begun to toy with the idea of a British landing on their soil."

"It was thanks to Churchill and Reynaud's tendencies to gossip that the German Government gained knowledge of plans being made against the German Government and the German people."

"There is no doubt the British design on Norway was a most serious threat to Germany."

And The Dreaded Dutch!

"After the failure of these plans increased pressure was exerted by the British warmongers on Belgium and Holland. Aim was to advance the front to the Rhine, and thus threaten and paralyse her iron and steel production centres."

"On May 1, 1940, the enemy efforts were broken up in a few days and the stage set for an operation which culminated in the greatest battle of annihilation in the history of the world."

"On July 19, 1940, I convened the German Reichstag and again seized the opportunity of urging that the world must make peace. I made it perfectly clear, however, that in the light of past experience such a hope could only be small."

After attacking "Jewish-Democratic capitalism" Hitler continued: "The European and American warmongers succeeded once again in befogging the sound commonsense of the masses."

Angel Of The Night I

"Even by warning against the night bombing of the civilian population was interpreted as a sign of German impotence. Again and again I uttered warnings against this specific type of aerial warfare. My assurance that from a given moment every one of Churchill's bombs would be returned, if necessary a hundredfold, failed to induce this man to consider even for an instant the criminal nature of his actions."

Referring to Mr. Churchill's statement to Parliament last Thursday, Hitler declared it

could only be described as "symptomatic of a paralytic disease or the ravings of a drunkard."

The Balkan Plot!

Hitler accused Mr. Churchill of planning to transform the Balkans into a theatre of war as early as the winter of 1939/40.

"The sudden collapse we witnessed in May and June last year caused these plans to be temporarily abandoned. By autumn last year Churchill began to tackle this problem once again."

"In the meantime, however, certain difficulties had arisen as a result of Rumania dropping out of England's political scheme."

Hitler then gave what he described as "a brief outline of Germany's policy in the Balkans," in which he said the Reich had never pushed any territorial or other selfish political interests in the Balkans and on the contrary had always endeavoured to build up and strengthen close economic ties with these states."

The Reich was only interested in one thing, if indeed there was any question of political interest, namely, in seeing that internally a business partner was established on a sound healthy basis!

He referred to the British guarantees to Rumania and Greece and said Rumania had to pay bitterly for the guarantee which was calculated to estrange her from the Axis powers.

Thus And Thus

Greece, who least of all required this guarantee, was also prepared to give way to British persuasion and link her destiny with that of a country which provided her King with cash and orders.

"As a result of violations of neutrality in the late summer of 1940, Italy felt called upon to make proposals to the Greek Government and demand guarantees that would tend to put an end to conditions which Italy could no longer tolerate."

"This request was refused and thus peace in the Balkans was broken."

Hitler paid a tribute to the resistance offered by the Greek soldiers.

Faint Hope

With some faint hope of being able to contribute to a solution of the problem, he continued, Germany had not severed relations with Greece. He was however, in duty bound to point out to the world that "we would not passively allow a revival of the old Salonika scheme of the Great War."

His warning, he said, was not taken seriously enough, with the result that the British began to establish bases for the formation of a new Salonika army. They began by laying out aerodromes and establishing the necessary ground organisation, and finally a continuous stream of transports brought equipment for an army which, according to Mr. Churchill's idea, was to be landed in Greece in the course of a few weeks.

The reverse suffered by the Italian army in North Africa owing to certain material inferiority in their tanks and anti-tank guns finally led Churchill to believe that the time was ripe to transfer the theatre of war from Libya to Greece, convinced that he could now proceed to carry out the coup which would immediately set the Balkans aflame.

Not Against Greece!

Thus did Churchill commit one of the greatest strategic blunders of this war. As soon as there could be no further doubt regarding Great Britain's intention to gain a foothold in the Balkans, Hitler said he took steps to assemble the necessary forces for the purpose of counter-attacking any possible tricks.

This action was not directed against Greece and Mussolini did not even request him to place a single German division at his disposal for that purpose. Mussolini was convinced, and he was of the same opinion, that with the advent of good weather the struggle against Greece would be brought to a speedy and successful conclusion.

He Then Elaborated

The concentration of German forces, therefore, was not made for the purpose of assisting the Italians against Greece, but as a precautionary measure against any British attempt to strong-

U.S. "IN-BY SUMMER"

"We shall be lucky in we're not in the war before the summer," said General Hugh Johnson, U. S. columnist and former N. R. A. administrator, in a speech in Pittsburgh. The greatest danger America faced, he said, was in the Pacific.

then themselves secretly in the Balkans

Hitler then elaborated upon the efforts he had made to establish friendly relations with Yugoslavia in an endeavour to prevent her being involved in the Balkan war. He praised the practical attitude of Turkey's leaders in preserving her independence and carrying out her own resolution.

After repeating the facts in relation to the adherence by Yugoslavia to the three-power pact, Hitler said that on March 25, 1941 he left Vienna truly happy because he believed that at the last moment German intervention in the Balkans might become superfluous.

"When I heard of the coup which caused Churchill to utter his joyous words that at last he had something good to report, I at once gave orders to attack Yugoslavia because it was impossible for anyone to treat the German Reich in this way."

Hitler then described in detail the main plan of the campaign against Yugoslavia and Greece in cooperation with the Italian army after a general agreement had been secured in both with Italy and Hungary.

He said that Churchill had alleged that the Greek campaign had cost Germany 75,000 lives which was more than double the losses of the whole Western campaign.

The number of Englishmen, New Zealanders and Australians taken prisoner exceeded 9,000 officers and men, declared Hitler, adding that the booty cannot be even approximately estimated at present.

Figures On Forces

The share of the booty, due to the German forces, according to present estimates, amounts to over 500,000 rifles, many thousand machine-guns, anti-aircraft weapons, trench mortars and numerous vehicles, as well as large quantities of ammunition and equipment.

For the operations in the south-east 31 full and 2 half divisions were set apart, of which two infantry and Alpine divisions, six tank divisions, three full and two half mechanised divisions of the army, and armed storm troops took part in the actual fighting.

The losses in the German army and air force, as well as storm troops in this campaign were the smallest we have ever suffered so far. — Reuter.

LOSSES IN THE WAR OF THE AIR

During the week ended Saturday the Germans lost 22 planes in combat in Europe and the R.A.F. 18.

In the Middle-East the Axis lost 19 planes and the R.A.F. 10. During the seven-day period ended noon on Saturday one German plane was destroyed by a British warship and the destruction of another by "a naval vessel" was published. — British Wireless.

ITALY BANS "AGONY ADS"

Because they might be used by spy organisations, personal and small bargain advertisements have been banned in the Italian Press.

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A DOUBLE DOSE

The ingenious idea of the late Mr. Willett for getting the utmost enjoyment out of our summer days has been seized upon by the war for purposes which he, happily, never contemplated. The Government, having kept "summer time" running throughout the winter, recently decided to add another hour to it during the months from May to August and it came into effect yesterday.

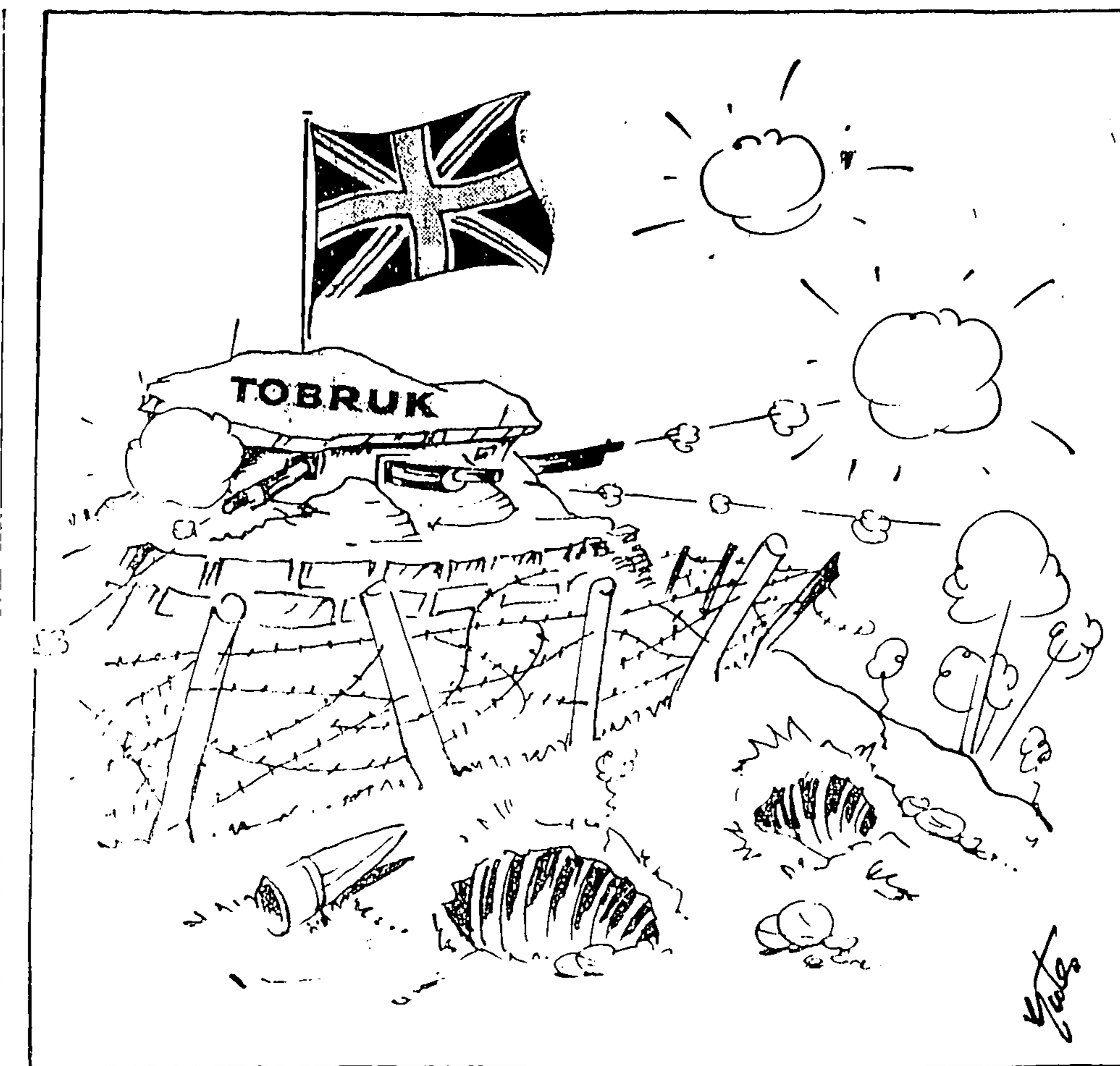
Nobody will imagine in these days that the extra hour is for delectation. Its purpose is to increase the working hours for munition making and for work in the docks and on the railways. For this and for more selfish reasons most people welcome it.

But on the farms it has appeared as a considerable grievance, as creating special difficulties on dairy farms. The cows must be milked at regular intervals. To maintain the hours which custom and the sun have established would put the work of the dairy and the distribution of milk seriously out of step with the life of consumers. Under the new summer time, it has been pointed out, the cowman would have to begin his work at three in the morning. Those who have charge of children, too, will find the problems of bedtime enormously increased.

The Government has recognised these grievances, which were urged with almost dramatic force; but it weighed the advantages and disadvantages against one another and it found that the former preponderate heavily. The cowmen are to adjust their hours by starting later. But there is immense value in the extra hour to transport and industry. It will enable many factories to work two shifts in daylight. The effect of the change upon the blackout will be remarkable in midsummer.

OYSTERS

Are there any grounds at all, except those of local patriotism, for the obiter dictum of Mr. Menzies to Fleet Street journalists, "The British oyster is incomparably inferior to the Australian oyster?" If that statement is correct the Australian oyster must be very good indeed and worthy of far more general fame than it has yet secured for itself. For the excellence of the Eng-



THORN IN THE SIDE

Help For Britain

—By
Walter Farr

In a 400-miles journey from Portland, Maine, down America's Atlantic seaboard, I have seen at first hand what the passage of the Lease-and-Lend Bill by Congress means to Britain.

They are making merchant ships, patrol bombers for use against the U-boats, bombers to attack the U-boat bases, torpedoes for the British Navy, depth charges, and even huge quantities of foodstuffs for Britain (mainly such things as powdered milk).

I made the following notes in the places I visited along the coast to give you an idea of the gigantic speed-up now going on:

Speeding The Ships

Portland (Maine).—Hundreds more workmen are being rushed here to hurry forward the building of a series of basins in which a mass of new cargo ships for the British Merchant Service will be constructed.

The first order was for 60 of these ships. Now the number is expected to be doubled or trebled.

To get increased speed in the building of British Government shipping, experts decided to construct the vessels in basins instead of on ordinary sloping stocks. Instead of launching them in the ordinary way, they will be launched by water being let into the basins and floating them out to sea.

It is a secret when these ships will be ready for service, but I was told by one of the men in-

lish native has been celebrated for centuries and it has even been claimed that it was one of the things which brought the Romans to Britain; at any rate, they devoured it in great numbers, as is proved by the oyster shells on the sites of their villas.

Perhaps he is thinking of mere size, and it may be admitted that Southern seas produce some whoppers; there are oysters dredged up near Ceylon which measure eleven inches across. But then again, especially as he was speaking in front of journalists, he may have been thinking of another kind of oyster altogether.

charge that once they begin rolling out of the basins they will be completed at the rate of one every fortnight. Each ship will be of 10,000 tons dead weight.

Secret Bomb-Sight

Brooklyn (New York).—Coming here from Portland I passed through hundreds of small towns and villages each one of which is doing some kind of job to help the Aid to Britain programme.

One of the most vital sections of the Lease-and-Lend Bill from our point of view is that it gives Mr. Roosevelt the power to send Britain many more of America's secret weapons, such as the Norden bomb-sight.

I was shown over the home of that famous American bomb-sight here in Brooklyn, the factory of the Sperry Company—one of the most closely guarded buildings in America. As the result of new British orders thousands more workmen are being taken on to double the manufacture of such things as bomb-sights and for gadgets ensuring accurate anti-aircraft fire by day and by night.

The Sperry people have many other secrets beside the bomb-sight. One is a new kind of guiding-ray which helps aircraft to land in bad flying conditions, and which may be used to help the R.A.F. to carry on attacking Germany in the worst kind of weather.

A few miles away, in another huge Brooklyn factory, I saw hundreds of torpedoes being made for the British Navy—torpedoes which can be taken aboard British warships, when they come for repairs to Brooklyn Navy Yard.

Not far from Brooklyn are Port Washington and the LaGuardia Field, now two vital airports for Britain. Special arrangements are being made there to provide depots and extra facilities for coping with the hundreds of the giant new type Flying Fortresses and patrol bombers—the first batches of which are arriving from California—which use these airports as the last ports of call before heading for England.

The ferrying of these bombers across the Atlantic is being enormously speeded-up by the use of a series of transport planes for rushing ferry pilots here from Britain instead of bringing them over by boat. The number of ferry pilots has been doubled and trebled, showing that Britain can now expect many more big bombers from America.

Philadelphia.—During the hour I spent here between trains I was invited to attend a conference of leading American machine-tool manufacturers.

Machine tools are the very foundation of war industry. The conference discussion showed that machine tools in America will in future be used almost solely for the manufacture of war material, not for making new designs for American motor-cars or other such luxuries, and that a large quantity of American machine tools are being sent to Britain.

A Heartening Sight

Baltimore.—Here is the most heartening sight of the whole trip. In the vast Glenn Martin bomber factory they told me that the new orders which Britain has been able to place now that she doesn't have to worry about the dollar sign will ensure us getting a new batch of many hundreds of fast medium bombers of the type specially suited to the job of lashing the invasion ports and breaking up the barge concentrations. (A large number of these have already been delivered to Britain.)

The head of the Martin factory showed me acres and acres of workshops doing scarcely anything else but build these bombers for the R.A.F. These constitute one of our greatest needs at the present time. Included in our new orders here will also be a mass of newly designed Martin long-range bombers for use in attacking German U-boats in the Atlantic.

The last, and probably the most significant, thing I saw on this trip down America's coastline was the huge Bethlehem shipbuilding yards at Baltimore. Mr. Frank Hodge, who is in charge of the yards, took me along the shore of the Patapsco River and pointed proudly to nine different slipways, each with a merchant ship on it nearing completion.

"We are not wasting a minute," said Mr. Hodge. "There is no red tape now. I get people ringing me up and ordering a batch of new ships by telephone, instead of arranging conferences about it."

"We delivered one ship last Saturday. We are launching a new one this Saturday. A few hours afterwards we lay down another new one. What is happening here is happening everywhere throughout the country. It's the last war all over again."

The ships Mr. Hodge is building are not destined directly for the British merchant fleet, but every one that rolls off the stocks means releasing an old American ship for use in carrying supplies to Britain.

Across Chesapeake Bay they're building more shipyards. It's the same wherever you go in America. The avalanche of American industrial aid to Britain is beginning to roll.

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THE EFFICACY OF BRITAIN'S BLOCKADE

THE IMPORTANCE and efficacy of the British blockade was stressed by the Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Minister of Economic Warfare in a speech at Birmingham yesterday.

"Because Hitler is temporarily master of most of Europe," Mr. Wilmot said, "some people imagine he now has access to vast unlimited supplies which will enable him to carry on the war indefinitely."

"They either forget the blockade or attempt to argue it no longer counts."

"Let me disillusion them. Hitler controls the western seaboard of Europe from Narvik to Bjarritz but from the point of view of supplies it avails him nothing, for no German ship dare sail on the surface of the Atlantic to bring him goods from the Americas."

"If the conquered countries are to be of any use to him Hitler must feed them, organise their industries and adapt their transport systems. This means sending valuable stocks of food, raw materials and machinery which Germany can ill afford to spare. Immediately on occupation the Germans looted everything of value in the conquered countries and so made up many deficiencies. Now they are grudgingly having to return some of the spoils. "A conquered country is a liability as well as an asset."

Feeling Pinch

"More and more the Germans are going to feel the pinch but whatever shortages there may be in Germany will not be felt by the army first. It is civilians who will have to bear the brunt of want and it may well be that under the strain they may break, as they did 1918, irrespective of the victories of German arms. That is why the blockade must be maintained."—British Wireless.

A SOUVENIR SOUVENIR

A memento commemorating the recent presentation of a souvenir to the Nizam of Hyderabad has just been received by the R.A.F. Fighter Squadron which bears the Nizam's name.

The memento is in the form of a volume, bound in silk, recording the ceremonial handing over to His Highness of a trophy taken from the first German aircraft shot down by the Hyderabad Fighter Squadron. Mr. C. H. Gidney, Resident at Hyderabad, handed over the trophy on behalf of the Air Ministry. The trophy is the hub and one blade of an aircrew from a Heinkel bomber. Marks of bullets from the British fighter are clearly visible on the blade and hub mechanism.

No. 152 (Hyderabad) Fighter Squadron was formed at the outbreak of war by a gift of £100,000 from the Nizam, supplemented a few months later by a further gift of £50,000.

MARINES IN EVERY SCRAP

At the beginning of the war thirty Royal Marines N.C.O.s went through an officers' training course. Of the twenty who became commissioned officers at least two are now acting majors and one has served with particular distinction.

Since the Battle of the River Plate we haven't heard much of the Marines, but they have been in nearly every "show" in the war, with an unfailing record of gallantry.

They are flying with the Fleet Air Arm, they man the long-range guns on our South Coast.

In Low Countries

Marines fought with conspicuous heroism when the Nazis overran the Low Countries and France. Their job was to defend the ports and to cover naval demolition parties.

At Calais, a gallant detachment lost all its officers. "By Sea and Land" is their motto—another way of saying "The Marines are always there!"

ARMY COOPERATION IN THE DESERT

The Army Cooperation Squadron of the Royal Air Force in the Western Desert and Libya has played an important part in the offensive.

Because the work is not so spectacular as that of the fighters and bombers, it is liable to be overlooked.

During the month's offensive which ended in the capture of Bardia, pilots and ground staffs worked at high pressure. In the first phase of the offensive, enemy positions around Sidi Barrani were photographed as late as the afternoon before the attacks and prints showing the sectors they had to attack were in the hands of the local Army commanders in time for the assault the following day.

On one occasion the photographic staff worked for 24 hours on end in order to produce the necessary prints.

The Squadron workshop too has done grand service in keeping the aircraft constantly ready for action.

During the siege of Bardia, the artillery "spotting" for the Australian and British gunners was carried out with great success. "Big Bill of Bardia," with which the enemy used periodically to drop shells into Sollum, caused some difficulty and the Squadron took special steps to locate it.

In the first phase of the war and in the Western Desert, the Squadron was constantly engaged in tactical and photographic reconnaissance; and they have been kept so busily employed all the time that there has been little time for respite, either for pilots or ground crews.

FIGHTING PEERS BEAT M.P.S

A White Paper shows that 166 members of the House of Lords and 116 of the House of Commons are serving in the Forces.

ENVOY'S BID FOR NAVY

Mr. George Earle, the United States Minister to Bulgaria, whose scrap with Germans in a cafe over the British Tommies' tune "Tipperary" recently caused an international stir, has asked President Roosevelt to permit him to resign so that he could volunteer for the British Navy, reports the "New York Post."

Earle served with distinction in the American Navy during the last war as commander of a submarine chaser.

BLIND—HE FLEW FIGHTER

Although he was blind through eye-wounds suffered in a fight at 18,000ft., a young R.A.F. pilot brought his plane safely back to base.

The story was told at a Glasgow luncheon by the Lord Provost, who said that the pilot was a Scot.

"His plane," said the Lord Provost, "had been hit and disabled. Although blinded by shrapnel he brought the plane home more by instinct than by anything else."

"When members of the ground staff went to help him out of the machine they saw that he was blind."

"He was taken to hospital, and after treatment the sight of one eye was restored. He was told, however, that the other eye would have to be removed. This operation should have been performed a week before he attended Buckingham Palace to be decorated for his exploit. But he refused until after his visit to the Palace."

FRIEND MAY CARRY ON GENIUS'S JOB

HIS GREATEST FRIEND MAY COME TO ENGLAND TO CARRY ON THE LATE SIR FREDERICK BANTING'S PROJECTED RESEARCH INTO WARTIME EPIDEMICS

He is Professor Charles Best, of Toronto, of the Banting and Best partnership immortalised nineteen years ago by their discovery of insulin as a cure for diabetes.

Sir Frederick Banting was killed in an air crash.

Professor Best, is one of the shyest of men.

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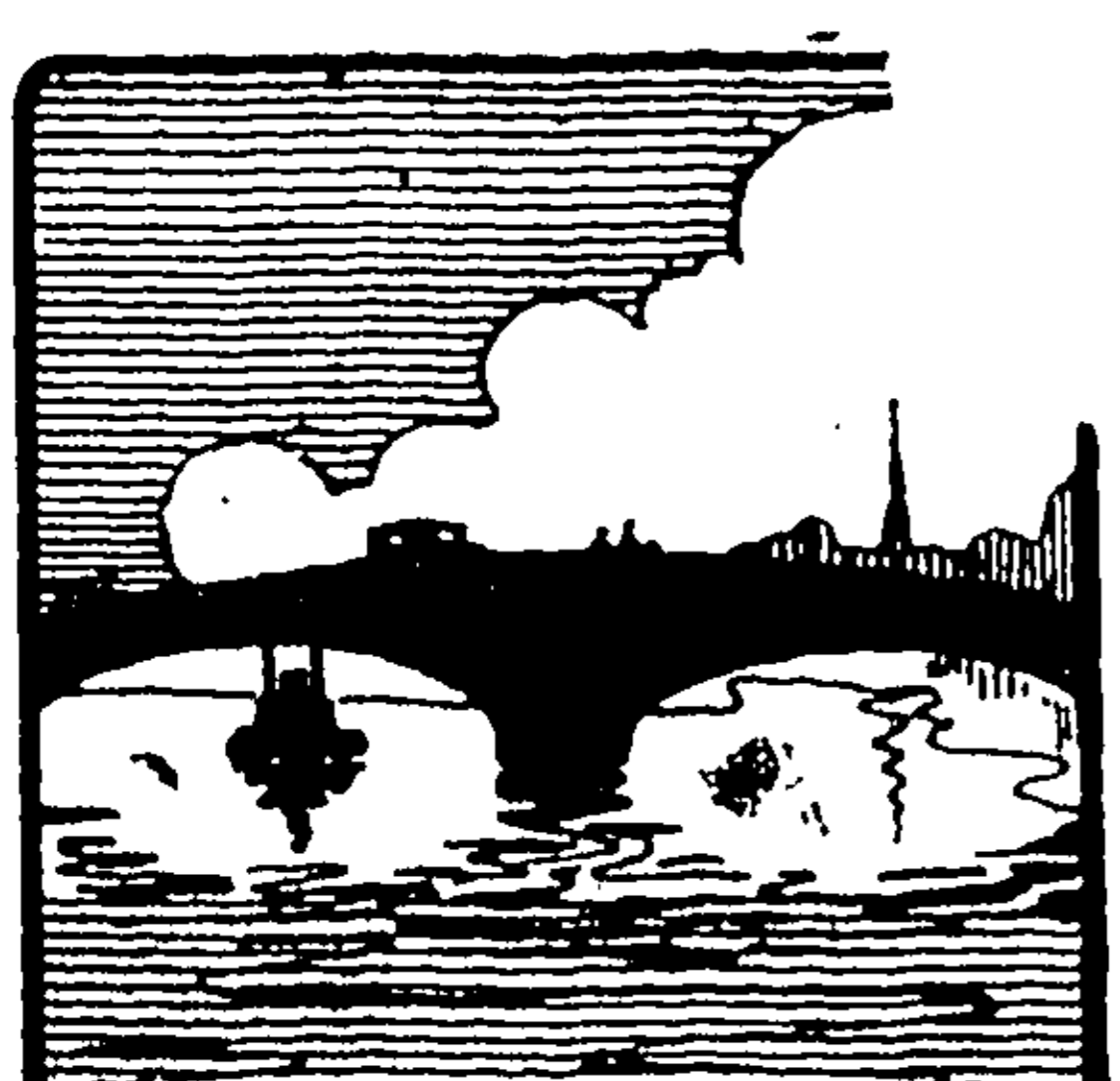
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They may want actually to occupy the village for rest, food, refuelling, or maintenance — for they must do all these some time. All defence plans and layouts are entirely dictated by the nature of the ground, the weapons you have, and your strength — and, of course, the kind of attack you might expect.

First, the whole scheme should be carefully worked out on paper, with expert help if possible. It should show the work you can do now (or have done already), and a work-table should be drawn up for the rapid completion of other preparations, with records of the amount of labour, material, tools and time needed.

Details should be listed of supplies, ammunition, food and iron rations, range-cards and landscape-cards, communications, road blocks, mines, booby traps, and steps taken to ensure that no food or petrol could fall into the enemy's hands.

But besides blocking your own roads and keeping the enemy out, your plan must also prevent his getting around. It must in fact, be a plan for all-round defence.

If necessary, we will hold our villages, if surrounded, like fortresses dotted all over the land. To do this we may require:—

(1) An inner keep, or strong-hold (covering the main road); (2) an inner defence along the outskirts of the village; (3) an outer defence covering the roads and tactical features outside; (4) further out still our eyes and ears—our observation posts. These advanced posts are far better sited in natural cover, such as ditches or hedges, rather than in prepared and obvious places. Thus the positions can be changed more frequently.

Your outer defences may consist of small, inconspicuous, camouflaged trenches, sited to cover road-blocks, from which a good field of fire is possible. If these have been prepared since last autumn they will need repair—and remember that with hedges and trees soon blooming the field of fire may now look very different.

Behind this come your inner defences. If the village is large it will be well to divide it into areas. As your neighbours' houses and walls may need a bit of knocking about for this, the necessary work should be earmarked.

Traps For Tanks

Some may need to be demolished to get the needed fire-view. Here you can be super-running with your ambushes and booby traps for tanks, transport and troops. Your low loop-holes and bomb slits must be chosen with an eye for use in the most unexpected direction.

Inside comes your stronghold. Don't choose the largest buildings, like a school or hotel, for these will be the first to attract bombing and artillery fire.

Select one building, or perhaps three, giving sufficient field of fire and defence, a pivot point from which the whole defence plan can radiate and be directed, to which reports flow back and from which the local counter-attack can be organised.

It will need shelters from bombing and for reserve ammunition (outside), food, water and stores, the whole being well camouflaged, chiefly from the air.

Complete the brain, if not the muscle, work now.

LORRY GAVE 20 FT. LIFT — UP

Doctors of the R.A.F. medical branch get some queer cases.

One recent patient reported that he had "fallen 20ft. from a lorry." "But you can't fall 20ft. from a lorry," protested the medical officer.

"You could from this one, sir," the man replied, firmly. "It was being dragged over a field by a run-away balloon, and when it got up to 20ft. I baled out."

WOMEN OFFER BEAUTY

(From A Correspondent)

Women of Britain are ready to give more than their blood for victory.

One of them wrote to Dr. W. S. Stanbury, of Leeds, Regional Blood Transfusion Officer:—

"I am willing to part with an ear, left-hand finger, thumb or toe, or give a yard of skin, if it will help any kiddie injured in an air raid."

And a twelve-year-old school-girl walked into the Mayor's Parlour at Exeter and offered the Mayor her hair.

"I thought the proceeds could go to the war effort," she told him, handing over her tresses.

The Mayor, Mr. R. Glave Saunders, examined the blonde locks and thanked the donor, Olive Martin, of Old Tiverton Road, Exeter, for her sacrifice. Olive had her hair cut when she was six. That hair was saved and handed to the Mayor with the locks she lost this week.

65 But Game

Another Yorkshire woman wrote to the Leeds Blood Transfusion Officer:

"I am sixty-five and last March had a stroke, losing the use of my left arm and leg."

"I do not know how a stroke affects the value of one's blood, but, being lame, I can do no active work."

"I should be glad to do something for my fellows if I can by giving blood."

Dr. Stanbury told me: "Many people are writing to me asking why blood donors cannot be given a badge. I designed one and submitted it to the Ministry of Health, but have heard nothing yet."

"If metal for badges cannot be spared, I think the wearing of a red stripe, as suggested by one donor, would be a good alternative."

SUCH A NATION CANNOT DIE

CANADIAN M.P.S. CHEERED AND THUMPED THEIR DESKS WHEN MR. LAPORTE, MINISTER OF JUSTICE, SAID:

"The world admires Britain. We admire above all the millions of long-suffering men, women and children who could end the war by surrender if they brought pressure on their Government, but who refuse."

"Such a nation is a great nation. It cannot die, cannot lose."

"We will try to be worthy of that splendid people and great nation, and will not fall in her hour of trial." — Reuter.

THEY MET IN RUINS

The Ancient Fellowship and Company of Cappers and Felt Makers, one of the oldest guilds in Coventry, held its annual meeting in the ruined Cappers Chapel of bombed Coventry Cathedral, thus maintaining an unbroken series of annual meetings there for nearly 500 years.

GERMANS GUN LIGHTHOUSE

Lighthouse keepers in the Pentland Firth waved when they saw a bomber flying towards them. They thought it was British.

But the plane, a German, machine-gunned the lighthouse, smashing glass and doing internal damage.

The keepers dived for cover. Their children, who were playing in the open, ran to an old quarry for shelter.

VITAMIN CANDY FOR CHILDREN

A plan to send vitamin candy tablets to British children has been launched in New York by the British-American Ambulance Corps.

The tablets are cinnamon-flavoured and contain vitamins A (particularly useful in preventing night blindness); B-1 (for nerve and growth); B-2 (which prevents skin troubles); C (anti-scurvy); D (bone-building); and E (specially beneficial to children).

12,000,000 A Year

Dr. Norman Jolliffe, who has collaborated in making the tablets, said that the British Ministry of Health had welcomed the formula.

It is hoped to ship 12,000,000 or more tablets a year, says Reuter, for distribution in shelters, communal feeding centres and factories and to evacuated children.

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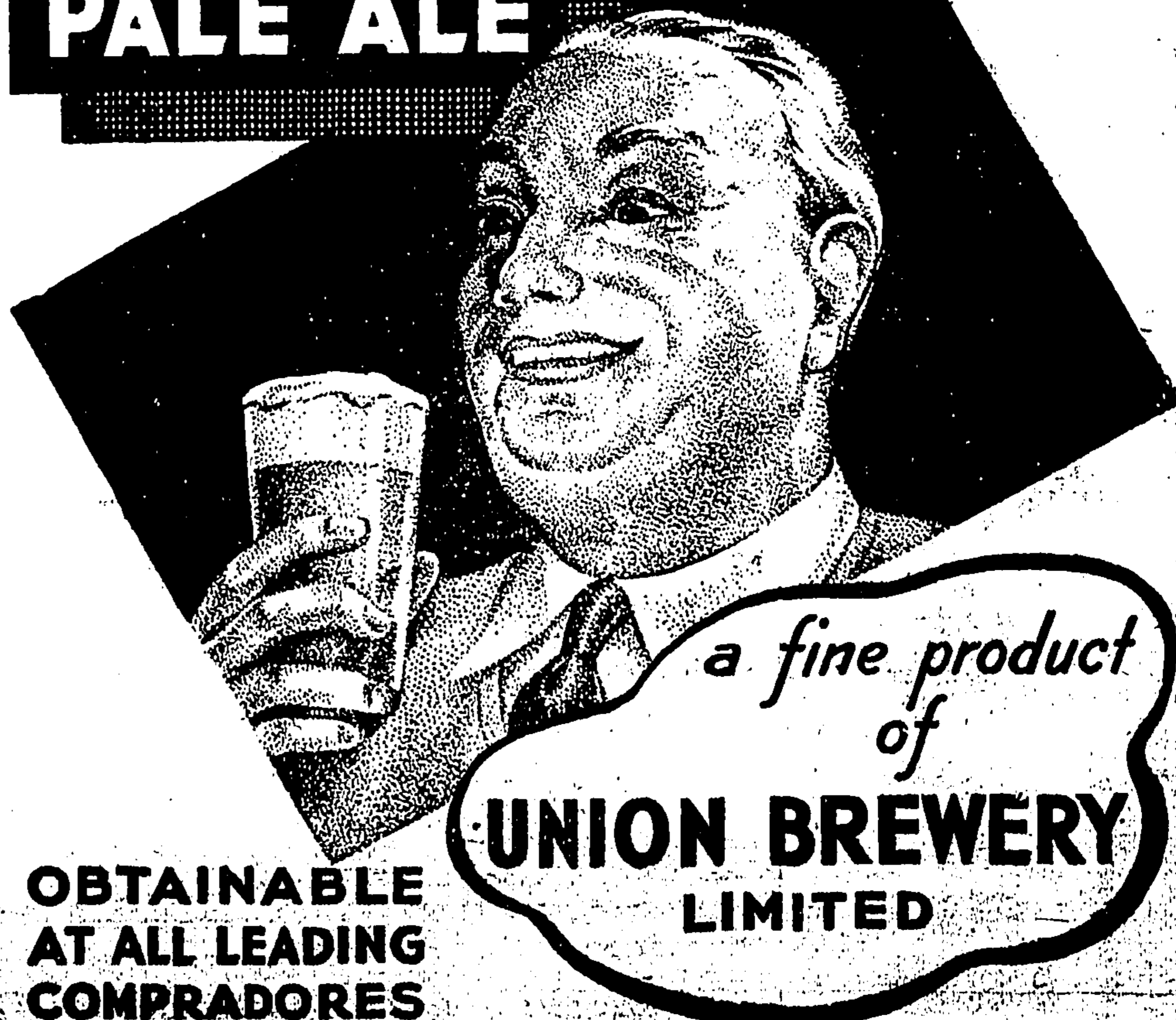
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Ingenious play together with good counting enabled South to make his contract:

South, Dealer
North-South vulnerable

♠ K Q
♥ Q J 8 7 3
♦ 5 2
♣ 7 6 4 2

♠ J 9 6 2
♥ 10 9 5 4
♦ J 10 9
♣ 10 3

♠ A 7 5
♥ A 6 2
♦ Q 8 7 4
♣ 9 5

♠ 10 8 4 3
♥ K
♦ A K 6
♣ A K Q J 8

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened the Queen of hearts, and was allowed to hold the trick. He shifted to a trump, and South drew three rounds of the suit. The bidding and West's shift from hearts indicated that East had an eight-card heart suit; and since East had already played two trumps, it was clear that he had started with only three cards in the minor suits.

Declarer therefore decided to play West for the diamond Queen, and laid down the King of diamonds, followed by the ten. West covered the ten of diamonds with the Queen, and dummy won with the Ace. When East followed to one round of diamonds, South could be sure that the clubs would break 4-2. There was therefore some danger of losing three club tricks in addition to the heart already lost.

After some thought, South returned a heart from the dummy and ruffed in his own hand. And West could not find a safe discard. If he discarded a club, South could safely tackle that suit and lose only two club tricks. So West discarded a diamond.

Thereupon, South led a diamond to dummy's Jack and returned a diamond, discarding a club from his own hand. West had to win and return clubs, so that South lost only one club trick.

Saturday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ 10 7
♥ A 9
♦ Q 10 5 3
♣ A Q J 7 4

The bidding:

Major	Jacoby	Schenken	You
1♥	1♠	Pass	(?)

ANSWER: Bid three no-trump. If your partner's strength is largely distributional, he will take you back to clubs; and if he has high-card strength, he will leave you in the easier no-trump contract.

Score 100% for three no-trump, 50% for five clubs, 30% for four clubs.

Question No. 708

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Major	Jacoby	Schenken	You
1♥	1♠	Pass	
2♦	3♣	Pass	

What do you bid?

(Released by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

GIFT RUGS AS PRAYER-CARPETS

Rugs given for Indian soldiers in Britain and sent by the Army Comforts Depot, at Reading to men at the Indian General Hospital have been used as prayer-carpet when not large enough to cover beds.

SOLDIER TAUGHT STAR TO BE HIS DOUBLE

(By A Special Correspondent)

BESIDE THE FILM set of a trapper's hut in the Arctic Circle a young French-Canadian soldier in uniform watched his pupil—film star Laurence Olivier—with pride.

He had reason. For he was seeing Laurence Olivier play the final scene of the role of trapper and fur trader in which the French-Canadian soldier had coached him. The soldier is Corporal Tony Onraet, whose home is at Tuk Tuk, Eskimo village in the Arctic Circle.

The film in which the soldier was technical adviser, is "49th Parallel," a boost-Britain film to the cost of which the Ministry of Information advanced £22,086 of public money.

Its propaganda value is that it tells dramatically of how Canadians, not of British birth, rallied to the British cause when war came.

The story deals with the adventures of a German submarine crew wrecked on the Canadian coast and of their attempts to make their way over the 49th Parallel—the frontier line between Canada and the United States.

The company secured the loan of Onraet as technical adviser, and he left camp to live at Denham Studios, Bucks.

Now he's done his job, and it's back to camp for him.

And is he sorry? For these weeks in the make-believe life of the studios have been more thrilling than any real life.

Land Of No Night

"I'm a trapper in peace-time," he said, "In winter I trap anything that has a dollar in it—foxes, wolves, wolverines and grizzly and polar bears. I trade with the Eskimos and the Indians.

"In summer I prospect for gold and radium.

"Often-times I go nine months without seeing a white man. In summer it's the land of no night. The sun never sets, so there's no regular bedtime. I just go to sleep when I get to feeling tired.

"Life was going on smooth until one day I heard on a radio that war had started. Well, sir, I just left everything, pulled out right away to join up. "I travelled 1,400 miles by boat and flew the rest to Edmonton. I was travelling thirty-four days.

"This film job was a lot of fun. You should see my fan mail! The girls want to know what I look like.

"I had to teach Olivier how to shape his mouth to speak French-Canadian, and tell him how they dress; even how they cut their tobacco and fill their pipes. I suggested a little song they sing. It's in the film."

I said to Laurence Olivier, after the scene, "Your tutor has given you an excellent school report." Olivier laughed. "He was certainly a great help."



"BOMB LARK"—NEW FRAUD

The "bomb lark" fraud, by which assistance boards have been cheated of thousands of pounds, was described at the Old Bailey.

Seven men pleaded guilty to obtaining or attempting to obtain money by false pretences.

A detective said it became known that thieves in Brixton possessed a considerable sum of money and inquiries showed that thousands of pounds had been obtained.

Prosecuting counsel described the "bomb lark." The trickster goes to an assistance board, declares that he has lost his furniture and clothes as the result of his home having been bombed, and claims money for immediate relief.

"19 Applications"

Walter Hendy, forty-nine, engineer, stated to have made nineteen false applications, was sentenced to three years' penal servitude.

Other sentences were:— Alfred Gregory, twenty-four, engineer; William Charles Holmes, twenty-four, clerk; eighteen months' imprisonment each.

Arthur Thompson, thirty-nine, baker, fifteen months; John Lobley, thirty-three, shunter, twelve months.

Sentence on two other men, Leonard Bird, eighteen, printer's assistant, and William Tatnell, twenty-one, labourer, was postponed.

ONLY SIX STROKES—SORRY

Crewe magistrates said they were sorry that they could order only six strokes of the birch.

They passed this sentence on three boys, aged from twelve to fifteen.

Two of the three were summoned for stealing collecting boxes—one a box for the blind—and the third for receiving some of the stolen money.

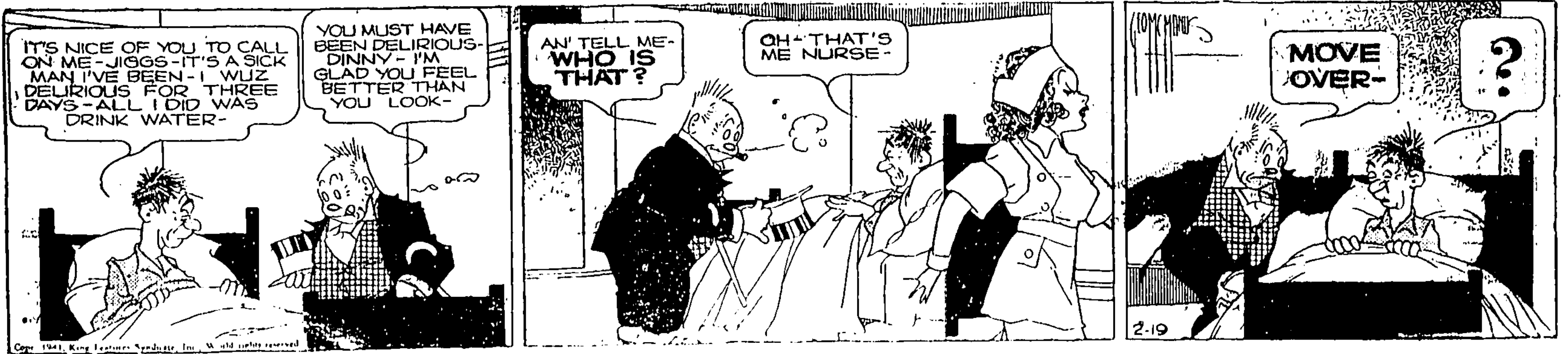
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Bringing Up Father



A PAGE FOR WOMEN Persevere To Be Lovely

Facial and physical beauty as we know it to day, are not accidental. They are acquired through loyalty to a health giving schedule and to certain external, regular administrations. All of which means, if a woman will persevere she can be lovely.

If you see a thin beauty, whose figure is the rave of the beach rollers, you can bet your boot she does n't eat banana splits between meals, a half pound of chocolates while reading a magazine, or second helpings of rich foods!

If you see a woman with an exquisite complexion and firm facial contour, you need not ask her what creams she uses! It's ten to one she rests from eight to ten hours most nights, exercises either in her home or out of doors daily, and eats very well balanced menus. She may use a cream for cleansing and one for softening, or if she plays considerably under the sun, a cream for protection. But you might be surprised to discover that her skin beauty is guarded by a certain good soap and only one jar of cream! Skin beauty comes from within - all the cosmetics in the world cannot create a translucent texture! But certain cosmetics, if they are intelligently chosen, do protect one's skin from ravages of the elements, and may enhance its beauty.

If you come face to face with a woman whose charm overwhelms you (and your favourite man, too) be assured that lady has spent much effort in modulating her voice, studying mannerisms which are attractive, analysing humans to discover what pleases them and what displeases them, and getting control of herself in every way. A well poised, charming woman is the product of much self training - she decided to go out and conquer, and she prepared herself in every way so she might conquer.

She immediately conquers you when you speak with her and she can conquer any other person she chooses. She is not a snob, or she couldn't be charming. Charm



FRANCIA WHITE, popular songbird of radio, is one girl who refused to be kept in the shadow. She determined on success and loveliness, worked for them and got them!

is a warm, genuine characteristic which is acquired only through determination. It always gives

me a thrill when a very charming woman confesses to me that in her youth she was plain looking and extremely shy. Then I realise just now much any woman can do for herself if she has the will-power to persevere!

So if you have any inhibitions throw them off. Realise that you can adopt a schedule which, if held to diligently, will make you a desired beauty. You needn't have the measurements of Venus nor the face of Snow White - simply make the most of yourself in every way. Determine to be lovely and work for it!

lifted bustline should rehearse this exercise every day.

Correct Shoulder Posture

Your shoulders want to be held in correct position, you know, and if you don't believe it, follow these directions and sense the relief from fatigue you feel.

Stand up in stocking feet. Pull your abdomen in and up consciously. Tuck under your buttocks as if someone came along and spanked you smartly. Then endeavour to "broaden" your shoulders. This is done by pushing back your head, then your shoulders and dropping them at least an inch. Hunched up shoulders indicate poor posture and nervousness. Don't hunch yours. Standing in this good posture you will feel fatigue leave your body. Hold the position as you inhale through your nose slowly, and exhale through your lips, ten times!

After this remember to stand and walk with your shoulders in that position and your tummy held in!

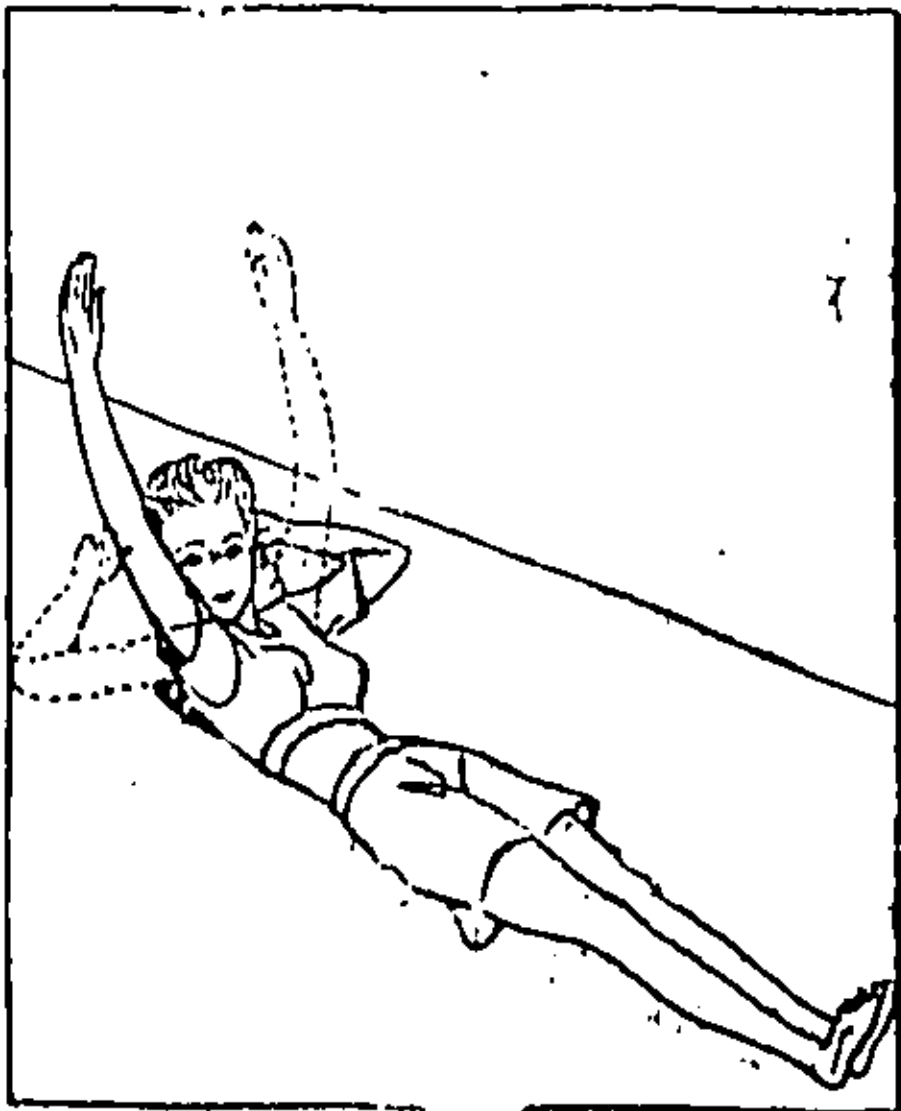
Stretch Away Winter Shoulder

Unless you do get out of doors to exercise, the chances are your shoulder muscles are pretty much in need of a little stretching. The aches you feel in them, now and again, isn't cold or rheumatism—it is simply muscle tenseness.

Get down on the floor this minute and go through this exercise. Lie stretched out with legs together. Now - keeping the lower part of your body very steady - raise your right arm and twist the upper part of your body far to the left. Your left arm is relaxed on the floor, elbow bent. (See sketch). THE TWIST IS AT YOUR WAISTLINE - YOUR HIPS DO NOT BUDGE OFF THE FLOOR! You should feel a soothing stretch from your neck down the right side of your back to your lower spine. After stretching slowly and far to the left five times, reverse arm positions and stretch far to the right.

Follow With These

Now sit up on the floor, legs together, and place fingers on shoulders. Keep elbows high and press them back and down - your shoulder-blades are thus pressed together. Press them together more. Bring elbows back



This waist-twisting, relieves shoulder pains.

to position, relax and repeat five times.

Now place fingers on shoulders again. This time push elbows in a circle - back and down, forward and up. Go clockwise ten times, then counter clockwise ten times. This is splendid for firming the pectoral muscles, too, so those of you who desire an un-

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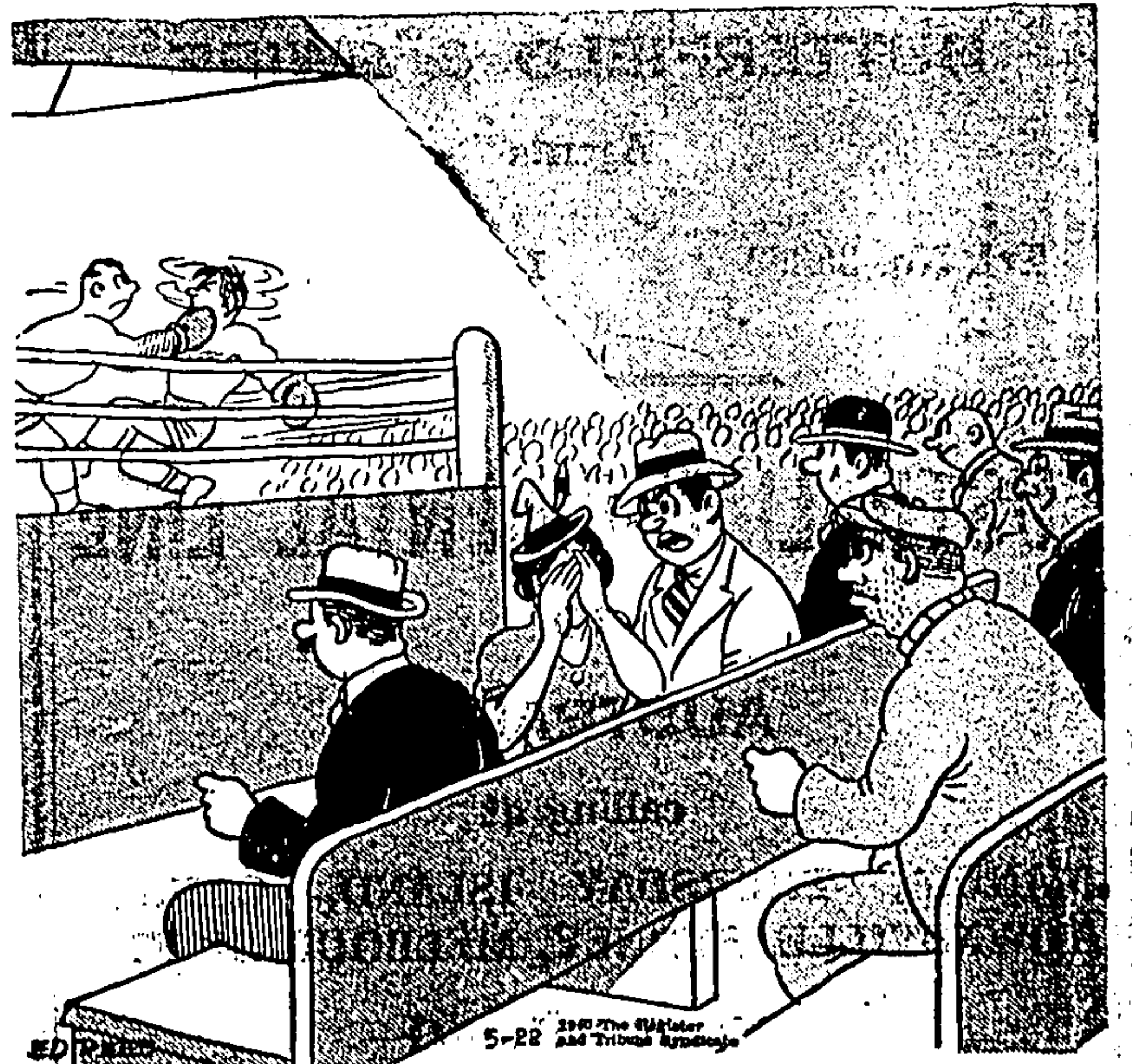
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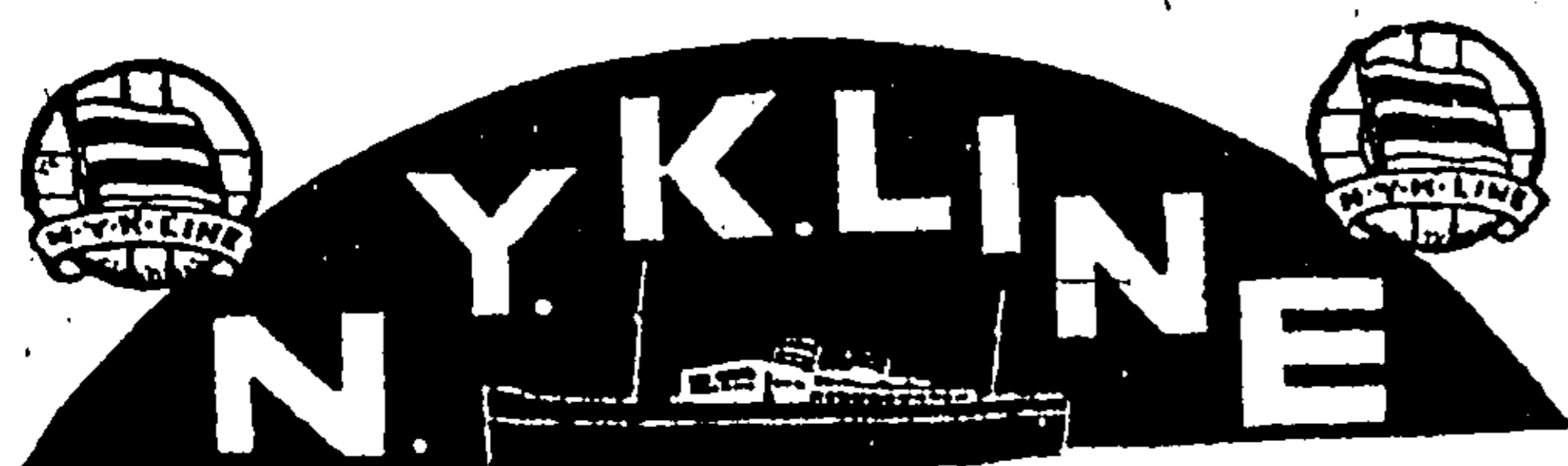


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Monika.

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Fox-Trots—Two Little Flies on a Lump of Sugar.

Just A Wearyin for You.

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Slow Fox-Trot—Little Gypsy of the Seven Seas.

The Organ, the Dance Band and Me.

Quick-Step—On the Isle of May.

Waltz—When our Dreams Grow Old.

Joe Loss and His Band.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal.

1.01 p.m.—Variety with Dorothy Dickson, Curtia and Ames and George Formby.

Vocal—The Window Cleaner (Cliff and others).

The Lancashire Torrendor (Cliff and others).

George Formby and his Ukulele with Orchestra.

Vocal Duets—You Can't Pull the Wool over my Eyes (Ager and others).

Cheer Up (Mayer).

Curtis and Ames with Piano.

Vocal—"Crest of the Wave" (Hassall and Ivor Novello).

If You Only Knew.

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Intro: Sitting on the Ice; Do de oh Doh; Chinese Laundry Blues; Madame Moscovitch; My Ukulele; Fanlight Fanny.

George Formby with his Ukulele and Orchestra.

Vocal—Accent on Youth (film "Accent on Youth").

Curtis and Ames with Piano.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Dvorak—Quartet in A Flat Major, Op. 105.

1st Mov. Adagio ma non troppo.

Allegro appassionato.

2nd Mov. Molto vivace.

3rd Mov. Lento e molto cantabile.

4th Mov. Allegro non tanto.

Prague String Quartet.

2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—Mendelssohn—Concerto in E Minor, Op. 64.

1st Mov. Allegro molto appassionato.

2nd Mov. Andante.

3rd Mov. Allegretto non troppo.

Fritz Kreisler (Violin) and the State Opera Orchestra.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour."

7.30 p.m.—Eileen Joyce (Piano) and Pau Casals (Cello).

(a) Si oleuse j'etais, a toi je volerais (Bird study) (Hensell).

(b) En Route (concert study) (Palmgren).

(c) La Danse d'Olaf (Riccardo Pick—Manglagall).

Eileen Joyce (Piano).

Apres un Reve (Fauré).

A Village Song (Popper).

Pau Casals (Cello) with piano.

Trois Danses (Fantastiques (Shostakovich).

Scherzo Op. 16 No. 2 (D'Albert).

Eileen Joyce (Piano).

Andante (Bach).

Aria from suite in D (Bach).

Pau Casals (Cello) with piano.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 p.m.—This week's programmes.

8.05 p.m.—Emil Roosz and his Orch.

Serenade from "Frasquita" (Lehar).

Valentina (Wright—Dunn).

Moorish March (Mohr).

8.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Hi, Gang!"

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.15 p.m.—Charlie Kunz at the Piano and the Mills Brothers.

Vocal—Sleepy Head (film "Operator 13").

Put on your Old Grey Bonnet (Murphy and Weirich).

The Mills Brothers.

Piano—Kunz Revivals No. 2.

Intro: I Never Realised; Birth of the Blues; Pink Elephants; Rose in the Bud; Speak to me of Love; Someday I'll find You.

Charlie Kunz.

Vocal—Star Dust (Carmichael and others).

The Mills Brother.

Piano—Kunz Revivals No. 3.

Intro: Poor Butterfly; After You've Gone; Whispering; Alice Blue Gown; Just a little Love, a little Kiss; The Chocolate Soldier Waltz.

Charlie Kunz.

Vocal—Funiculi Funicula (Denza).

Asleep in the Deep (Petrie, Lamb).

The Mills Brothers.

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave Only).

9.45 p.m.—Concert Waltzes.

Farmyard Waltz (Folk Tune).

Springtime Waltz (Composer Unknown).

Continental Novelty Orchestra.

When the Lemons Bloom (Johann Strauss).

Johann Strauss and Symphony Orchestra.

Souvenir—Flour (Composer Unknown).

Nullo Romani and His Orch.

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—"News from Home" by Howard Marshall.

10.15 p.m.—New Dance Music with Variety.

Fox-Trots—Oh! Look at me now. You might have belonged to another.

Tommy Dorsey and his Orch.

TO PROBE M.P.S' JOBS

The Government is to set up a Select Committee to investigate the question of paid appointments held by M.P.s.

The investigation would meet some of the criticisms levelled by M.P.s of all parties at the Government Bill that proposes that M.P.s who accept paid offices at home or abroad shall keep their seats in Parliament. The Government will ask the House of Commons to pass the Bill so that immediate difficulties can be overcome.

The measure would enable Mr. Malcolm MacDonald to go to Canada as British High Commissioner without vacating his seat, and it would also establish the position of several M.P.s who are already holding war offices.

Labour M.P.s' Revolt

The Parliamentary Labour Party at a private meeting discussed the Bill for an hour—it was the second meeting they had had about it.

It was decided to let the M.P.s have an unrestricted vote when the Bill comes before the House and not to put the Party Whips on.

This decision was surprising in view of the fact that Mr. Attlee, the leader of the Parliamentary Labour Party, had at an earlier private meeting given reasons why the Socialist M.P.s should support the Bill.

Vocal—A Little Old Church in England (Irving Berlin).

Barry Wood (Baritone) with Orchestra.

Fox-Trots—Jenny (film "Lady in the Dark").

This is New (film "Lady in the Dark").

Leo Reisman and His Orchestra.

Vocal—I Can't Love You Any More (Magidson, Wrubel).

Imagination (Van Heusen).

Bebe Daniels w. Orch.

Fox-Trots—What Makes a Song.

The Last Time I Saw Paris.

Leo Reisman and His Orch.

Vocal—America I Love You (Leslie-Gottler).

Barry Wood (Baritone) w. Orch.

Waltz—Down the Gypsy Trail (from the film).

Swing and Sway with Sammy Kaye.

Vocal and Piano—Sweet Little Sweetheart (McIntire and Allgire).

Turner Layton.

Fox-Trots—Sunset at Sea.

That's My Way of Saying I Love You.

Swing and Sway with Sammy Kaye.

11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

HELL'S CORNER THANKS R.A.F.

To the Air Officer Commanding a group of Fighter Command which is partly responsible for the defence of South-East England there came recently the following letter. It was sent by a resident of a village in Kent:—

"The people of this little battered village, somewhere about the middle of 'Hell's Corner', would like to express their grateful and heartfelt thanks for the busy roaring of your Spitfires and Hurricanes' engines during these latter days.

"Now at the sound of a plane there is a stampede to the door—to get out in time to point up a thumb to the patrolling fighters. To the comforting throb of your engines we have once more got hold of our nerves, can raise our heads and take it on the chin.

"The phrase 'Never has so much been owed by so many to so few' takes on a newer, and truer significance.

"This letter is a very halting effort to convey our village's feeling of gratitude for a job that is being so well done."

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The R.A.F. has discovered a new way of providing roast pork, even more elaborate than that recorded by Charles Lamb, of burning the house down and the pig with it. But since it was the Germans who paid, and the inhabitants of occupied France who got the pork, there is something to be said for it.

A month or two ago the Germans went round a district of Northern France collecting every pig they could lay their hands on, and naturally without paying any attention to the needs of the French. They loaded the pigs on to a cargo ship of some five thousand tons, and set sail for Germany. They must have congratulated themselves that now at last there would be some of their beloved sausages in Germany.

But the ship had scarcely put out of harbour and begun to creep cautiously along the coast before the R.A.F. took a hand.

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Many know, too, that the instructions for sounding the sirens in these areas—in Brighton or Bodmin, Bangor or Berwick—go out from the Headquarters of Fighter Command. But few know that the men in that headquarters who sift the Observer Corps' reports form an amazing cross-section of peace-time life.

One morning among the men whose job it is to know whether the approaching machine is hostile, there may be a barrister, in the afternoon an artist; at night a journalist, next day there may be an actor, an engineer, the son of a famous England cricketer, a broker, a shopkeeper, a scientist, a mathematician, an economist, a commercial traveller, a car salesman, a factory owner or a famous sportsman.

Some of them were young Royal Air Force officers in the last war, at the end of which they were faced with the problem of forging a new career for themselves. They soon forgot their wings and their ribbons, and with the same spirit with which they had tackled the Boche of 1914-18 they tackled that by no means easy task.

In the many different avenues into which design or chance guided their footsteps they met with varying degrees of success. But the danger signal which followed Munich sent them flocking to the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, once more offering their services to the country.

They knew, of course, that their actual flying days were over, yet in their new sphere they are performing duties none the less vital.

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The Parks department in Cheltenham are holding an exhibition with experts in attendance to encourage and help people to grow food and plan allotments. A model allotment to a scale of 3" to 1 foot is one of the features. Photo shows sectional models showing how carrots and potatoes should be stored in clamps. (Copyright, Fox).

BABY CRIED AND LIFE WAS SAVED

TWELVE HOURS AFTER a bomb had demolished houses in a north-east England town, a baby's faint cry was heard from above the place where rescue parties had been digging.

The men straightened their backs and listened. Once more the cry was heard, but not among the heaps of debris, over which stretcher-bearers were still struggling with the bodies of civilians.

The cries came from a rickety bed, covered with debris, precariously perched on a shelf formed by part of the floor of a bedroom in a half-wrecked house.

Rescuers, working gingerly to prevent the remains of the house from collapsing, crawled over the hanging floor and brought down with them the half-frozen, whimpering form of three-year-old Margaret Anderton.

She was taken to hospital, where she is slowly recovering from her ordeal.

A reporter found her brother, Arnold Anderton, eleven-year-old hero of the raid, at the home of his aunt and uncle. Both his hands and an ear were cut.

He did not know then that his mother had lost her life in the raid while writing a letter to his father, who is at a balloon barrage station.

A Little Hero

"When we heard the bomb come whistling down mother jumped up," he said. "That was the last I saw of her. The house crashed in and the lights went out."

"Somehow, I scrambled out and tried to grope my way

among the ruins to find Mam. I could hear a sort of muffled groan, but could not find her.

"Then I tried to get up the staircase to rescue Margaret, but there was a door blocking my way."

"I helped some men to rescue a woman from another house, and then some neighbours took me away."

Everyone in the neighbourhood praised Arnold. "He worked like a little hero," they said.

The raid began early at night, and for the second successive night the social services functioned well.

There were widespread German raids over eastern England and the Home Counties but no heavy attacks developed.

London had two Aleris, and in one district houses were damaged by a stick of bombs. An inn mentioned by Charles Dickens was damaged.

The German air communiqué claimed that "important war objectives in Hull" were attacked with "good results."

It was also claimed that aircraft works in the south of England, and docks and armament works in London were bombed.

NINE MONTHS A "WIDOW"

After thinking herself a widow for nine months and drawing a widow's pension, Mrs. Laura Bevan, of Weaver Road, Uttoxeter, Staffs, has heard from the War Office that her husband, Sergeant Charles Bevan, D.C.M., of the Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, is alive.

Sergeant Bevan, who last June was reported killed in action, was "posthumously" awarded the D.C.M. for gallantry in the field while fighting in France. He is in France now.

Mrs. Bevan has a daughter, June, aged three.

At her home Mrs. Bevan said:—"On the day that my husband was reported killed I sat in this room and saw him in a vision. He stood at the window smiling."

"I rushed out of the house and told my neighbours. From that moment I was sure that he was safe."

"I have written to my husband a long letter telling him how I have lived as a widow all these months."

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SOUTH CHINA LUCKY TO DRAW WITH MIDDLESEX

Parker And Riches Make Welcome Return

Hsu King-sing Is Seen On Left Wing

AT CAROLINE HILL yesterday, Middlesex were forced to a 3-all draw by South China, after being at one time three clear goals in the lead.

South China used this game to give an opportunity to several of their players to play in unaccustomed positions. Hsu King-sing was seen on the left wing while Lee Kwok-wan was on the right wing.

Middlesex played good football in the first half and were all over the Chinese, who showed little combination, particularly in the forward line.

South China again a tower of strength at centre half and he was well supported by Parker, who made a return to soccer after a long absence, and Thomas. Before them Sheehan and Riches were two safe backs.

The forward line Pearson and Saw were always dangerous. Both wingers, Marriable, on the left, and Coulson on the right, sent over good centres during the game.

Disjointed Forwards

With a disjointed forward line, South China were on the defensive for a considerable time and only the good work of Tsang Chung-wan and Tse Kam-hung prevented Middlesex from obtaining a bigger lead.

Hsu King-sing played hard on the left-wing but he was not given the right type of passes. In the centre, Lee Tak-kee was often beaten for possession by Bryant.

The game started timely with Middlesex doing all the attacking and it was not long before they were three goals in the lead through Pearson (2) and Coulson. South China reduced the lead before the interval through Lee Tak-kee.

In the second half Lee Tak-kee again scored and before time Hsu King-sing equalised for South China.

MIDDLESEX: Jackson; Sheehan, Riches; Parker, Bright, Thomas; Coulson, Tate, Pearson, Saw and Marriable.

SOUTH CHINA: Tsang Pui-fook; Lee Kwok-wai, Tse Kam-hung; Lau Hing-choi, Lam Tak-po, Lo Wai-kuen; Tsang Chung-wan, Lau Chung-sang, Lee Tak-kee, Hsu King-sing and Lee Shek-yau.

AN ATHLETIC CHALLENGE

Combined Royal Artillery have challenged Combined Middlesex Regiment and 5/7th Rajput Regt. to an athletic meeting at Shamshuipo on May 8.

Teamy Castilho, St. Joseph's footballer, has of late been putting in a good deal of time at tennis at the Post Office Sports Club, Caroline Hill.



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VOLUNTEER SERGTS' BOWLS WIN

At Cox's Road yesterday, a team representing Sergeants' Mess, Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, defeated Kowloon Cricket Club by 10 shots in a friendly lawn bowls match.

Fincher was leading Meyer 16-7 but the latter scored 1-1-1-0-0-3-1 to reduce the eventual deficit to four.

Down 8-13 to Madar, Silva scored a four to get to within striking distance but Madar finished strongly with 2-3 to win by four shots.

Labrum finished off very strongly against Rakusen and, after being 10-22 down at the 18th end, scored 1-5-2 to finish four down.

Fraser started off with 2-6 against Sherriff but the latter came back with 4-6, eighteen shots thus being scored on the first four ends. Sherriff thereafter was never in any difficulty and finished 26-17.

Meadows was always trailing Walker prior to the tea-interval but a good patch afterwards enabled him to level at 12-all. Walker was not to be denied, however, and 1-3-5 gave him a commanding lead that Meadows was able to reduce with 1-3 on the last two ends, to finish 16-21.

K.C.C. Sergeants' Mess
A. E. Perry Sgt. Fowles
R. T. Burch Sgt. Geall
F. Goodwin Sgt. Zimmern
E. C. Fincher Sgt. Meyer
(Skip) 18 (Skip) 14
A. E. P. Guest Sgt. Baptista
A. H. Martin Sgt. J. D.

Remedios
W. W. Parsons Sgt. J. C.

Remedios
T. A. Madar C.Q.M.S. Silva 13

(Skip) 17 (Skip) 13
G. Bowden C.Q.M.S. Tribble

H. Langley C.Q.M.S. Leigh
A. W. Smith Sgt. Lockhart

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(Skip) 18 (Skip) 22
R. S. Capell C.Q.M.S. Casey

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J. Fraser Sgt. Sherriff
(Skip) 17 (Skip) 20
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(Skip) 16 (Skip) 21

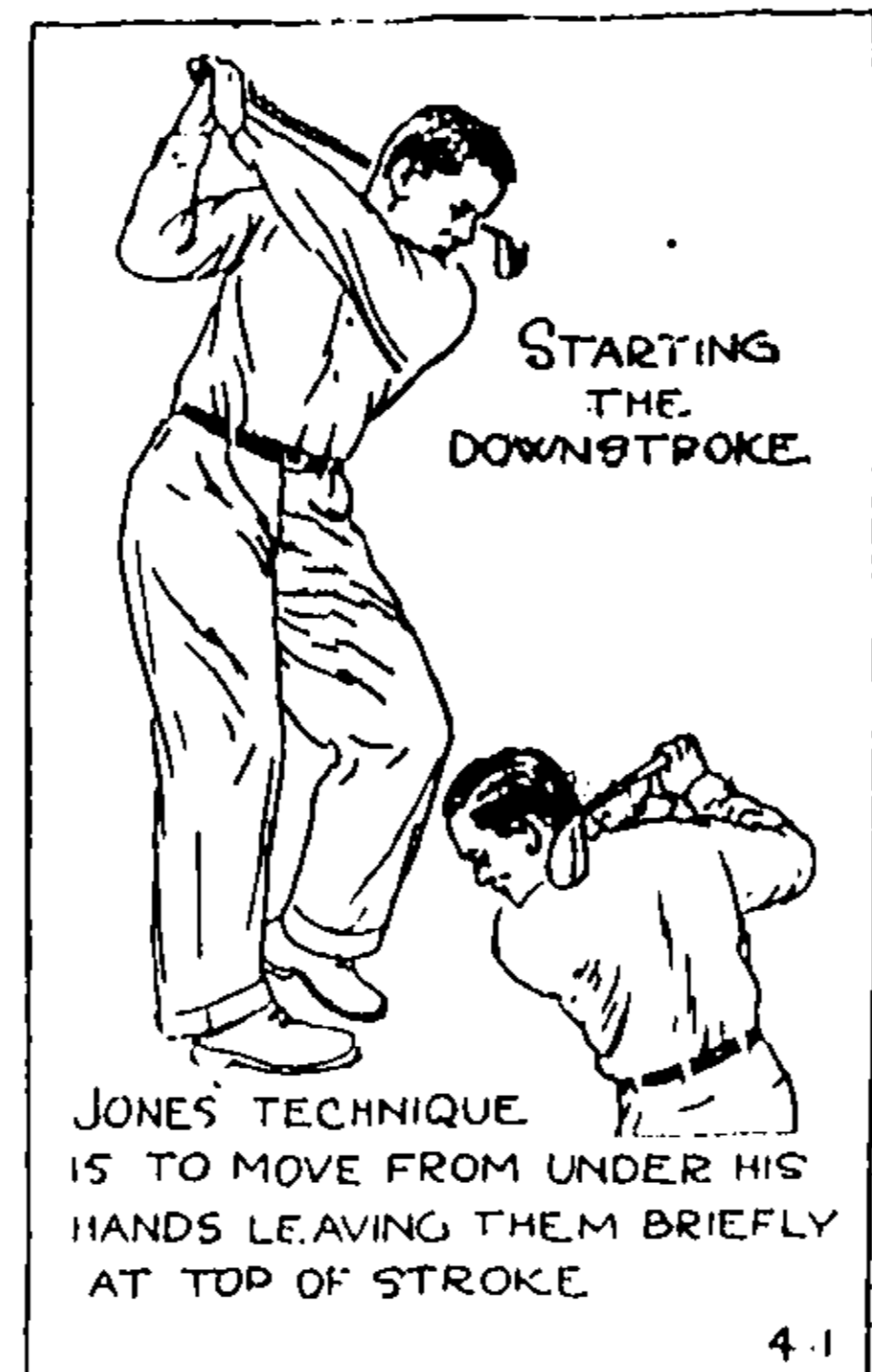
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NEW AID TO BADMINTON?

Interest in badminton in Hong Kong has never been higher than it is at the moment. This, no doubt, is due to the high standard that has been attained by our own players as a result of the "importation" of such exponents of the game as Choy Kok Wah and M. P. Young, both of University, and both of whom have figured so prominently in the open championships.

Be that as it may, it is learned from a reliable source that a number of Queen's College old boys are thinking of forming a badminton club, and they are toying with the idea of approaching the school authorities for permission to "reopen" the badminton court in the school's Great Hall. Provided suitable lighting arrangements can be made, this should be one of the best badminton courts in the Colony, having as it must an overhead clearance of well over 40 feet!

GRAPHIC GOLF



DIRECTION CHANGE

By Best Ball

It is oftentimes hard to discern where the backswing ceases and the downswing begins in many strokes. Particularly is this true of those golfers who possess a free flowing style of swinging. In other cases, such as Lawson Little's, there is a momentary pause at the top before the direction change is initiated. In a style in which the total movement seems apparently one motion, it sometimes looks as if the downswing has started before the backswing has been completed. Such of course is not the case. The shift to the left only starts after the backswing has been completed.

Bobby Jones' waving plumelike stroke was patterned along this streamline, one piece style. Yet Jones definitely finished his backward windup before he started his downstroke. Jones started swinging down by moving out from under his hands, leaving them momentarily at the top of the stroke while he started the downswing mechanics underway. The result was that the right arm was brought down into its proper place at the right side and a tendency to preserve the wrist cock until needed.

Next Article:—Keep Weight Forward.

HOME SOCCER RESULTS

The following are the results of Home football matches played last Saturday:—

LONDON CUP
Scotland 1, England 3.
The score at half-time was one all.

INTERNATIONAL MATCH
Chelsea 2 Queen's Park Rangers 3; Arsenal 3, Tottenham 3.
FOOTBALL LEAGUE (SOUTH)
Bournemouth 2, Southampton 3; Brighton 4, Watford 2; Luton 2, Portsmouth 1; Norwich 5, Southend 3.

SOUTH REGIONAL LEAGUE
Aldershot 3, Farnham 3; Northampton 5, Millwall 1; Reading 6, West Bromwich 3; Westham 3, Brentford 2.

NORTH REGIONAL LEAGUE
Barnsley 3, Chesterfield 2; Blackpool 1, Manchester City 1; Bradford 5, Rotherham 1; Bury 2, Oldham 3; Halifax 4, Middlesbrough 2; Manchester United 1, Liverpool 1; Newcastle 3, Leeds 2; Preston 1, Blackburn Rovers 0.

REGIONAL MATCHES
Chester 1, Stoke City 0; Doncaster 2, Mansfield Town 1.
MIDLAND CUP FINAL
Leicester City 2, Walsall 0.

LANCASHIRE CUP (SECOND ROUND)
Everton 0, Barnsley 2.
After extra time.

SCOTTISH SOUTHERN LEAGUE
Albion 1, Dumbarton 2; Hearts 1, Queen's Park 0; St. Mirren 3, Third Lanark 2.

FRIENDLY MATCHES
Grimsby 4, R.A.F. 2; Rochdale 0, R.A.F. 2.

C.R.C. TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Following are the latest tennis results in the Chinese Recreation Club annual tennis tournament:

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Second Round:—Paul Kong beat Tsui Wai-pui, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3.

HANDICAP SINGLES

Third Round:—Chung Yue-wing (plus 15/2/6) beat Tsui Yan-pui (—40), 6-4, 4-6, 6-4.

Siu Tak-cheuk (—30) received a walk-over from Ma Wai-kwong (—1/6); Tong Siu-yuen (plus 15) beat Tsoi Tin-fook (plus 15/3/6), 6-3, 8-6.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Second Round: Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yan-pui beat T. K. Lu and Wong Hok-mun, 8-6, 6-4.

Ho Ka-lau and Hung Wan-chiu beat Dew Chok-him and Yip Kuen-hung, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3.

CLUB HANDICAP DOUBLES

Third Round: Lau Ping-tan and Chan Hung-nin (plus 2/6) beat Dew Chok-him and Lau Fook-kee (plus 15), 6-4, 6-2.

Tang Man-chiu and Liang Saw-wah (plus 4/6) beat Siu Tak-lam and Hon Lun-fung (—1/6), 6-1, 6-4.

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following is to-day's tennis Championship programme:

CLUB HANDICAP MIXED DOUBLES

Final
J. S. Theobald and Mrs. Torrible v B. O. M. Deane and Miss Smalley (Stand Court).

HOME RUGBY

Results of Rugby matches played on Saturday were:

League Cup, semi-final:—Leeds 10, Bradford Northern 10; Halifax 11, Wakefield Trinity 2.

Friendly:—Huddersfield 45, Hull 17.—Reuter.



MACAO RACES CASH SWEEPS

Following are the cash sweep results of the Macao Race meeting held yesterday:—

RACE 1

No. 226 \$318.40
" 356 90.90
" 36 45.50

Ticket Nos. 147 and 193, \$25.20 each

RACE 2

No. 369 \$264.00
" 18 75.40
" 74 37.70

Ticket No. 594, \$20.90

RACE 3

No. 136 \$292.10
" 84 83.40
" 102 41.70

Ticket No. 314, \$40.30

RACE 4

No. 387 \$295.70
" 163 84.50
" 118 42.20

Ticket No. 358, \$46.90.

RACE 5

No. 04703 \$7,494.98
" 11052 2,141.42
" 16883 1,070.71

Ticket Nos. 04142, 01502, 23690, 08469, 10344, 08201, 09011, 22436, 15260, 20471 and 21106, \$108.15 each.

GOUGH & HOWLETT SUCCESSFUL

To mark the opening of the new lounge at Police Canteen, Central Police Station, a friendly snooker and darts match was played on Friday evening between members of the Hong Kong and Kowloon contingents, the latter winning both tournaments.

Finals of the snooker and darts competitions, confined to members of the Canteen were also decided during the evening, C. Gough winning the snooker from C. Goodwin and Howlett beating W. Billingham in the darts.

S/Sgt. Minnihan, of Royal Army Service Corps and Hon. Secretary of Army Football Referees' Association, will be leaving the Colony soon.

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PROMINENT SPORTSMEN LEAVING

(By Squaddy")

Middlesex Regiment will soon be losing two of their most prominent sportsmen in Sgt. Freshwater and Pte. Berry.

Sgt. Freshwater has represented the Battalion for the past 10 years at athletics, Rugby, soccer, cricket, swimming and hockey though he has been most prominent in soccer circles.

He has played in a large number of representative soccer games, while in Hong Kong, and there is no competition in which he has not participated at some time or another.

In 1939 he represented the Colony in Manila, and would have secured further recognition against Shanghai, Macao and Saigon last year had he been able to secure leave.

Berry has represented his Battalion and Army at water polo and Rugby and has also been in the Combined Services' pack on several occasions. He has also been a member of the Battalion athletic team for the past four years.



SATURDAY'S YACHTING

Only six of the contestants in the No. 1 Closing Cruise over 10 miles, held by the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club on Saturday, finished.

The event, which was for cruisers and four-tonners, was won by Mr. N. V. A. Croucher. "A" and mixed class contestants also failed to finish.

	Finished	Cortd.	Posn.
La Cigale I	17.33.50	17.33.50	1
(Mr. N. V. A. Croucher)			
Yehonala	18.12.25	17.57.43	2
(Mr. Behrman)			
Sea Lark V	19.08.32	18.12.53	3
(Mr. W. J. Hansen)			
Norena	18.13.48	18.13.48	4
(Mr. P. C. M. Sedgwick)			
Typhoon	19.45.00	18.36.30	5
(Mr. L. Thomson)			
Azuma	19.12.01	18.44.31	6
(H. J. Pearce)			

The yachts which did not finish were the Oresund, Tai Wan Shan, Penguin, Red Rover, West Wind, Tyrone, Dorinda, Galavant, Ioha, Gnat, Curlew and Tern.



CRICKET AT HOME STARTS

Instead of the usual 'heralding' with trumpets, the Cricket season made a modest beginning on Saturday with several minor matches.

The London Fire Service, taking a well-earned relaxation, again stole the limelight by opening the season at Lord's, against Reading University, who won by seven wickets.—Reuter.

Shell Sports Club, who engaged in a number of friendly inter-Hong water polo matches last year, will find it difficult to play as many games this summer owing to increased Volunteer duties.

Hogan Is Compared To Bobby Jones

HORTON SMITH believes Ben Hogan's golfing performance for the last two years has been as phenomenal — in a different way — as Bobby Jones' record when the Atlantan was monopolising championships, writes a correspondent from New York.

"That isn't taking anything away from Jones," smiled the handsome Smith as he relaxed after the rigorous international four-ball tournament.

Different Light

"I don't believe Jones' achievement will be equalled in our life time, but you must analyse him and Hogan in an entirely different light.

"Jones concentrated on major tournaments and won them. Hogan and many of the other professionals, however, are striving for consistent low scores week by week the year round.

"It has almost reached the point where victories are incidental. Naturally, Hogan and every other golfer want to win, but he would prefer to finish near the top in tournament after tournament than to win the national open and make a poor showing the rest of the year.

"At the moment Ben is recognised as golf's top player. Until he and Gene Sarazen won the fourball, Hogan hadn't finished first in a 1941 tournament. Yet he was the top money winner and had the best average score during 1940 and is leading in both departments again this year.

Achieving Goal

"He is achieving his goal, and it is a remarkable thing when you consider the great calibre and quantity of his competition."

Smith, a keen student of golf, turned to an analysis of his own game. In his four-ball semi-final match, Horton went into an amazing putting streak during which he scored birdies on seven out of 10 holes over the difficult Miami Biltmore course.

"The touch came to me suddenly," said Smith. "I had been playing worse this season than in years, chiefly because poor putting had undermined my confidence.

"Even if it meant the loss of tournaments I would much rather play consistently well than to have one of these occasional brilliant streaks."

BASEBALL SEASON DRAWS NEAR

AS THERE IS YET ANOTHER MONTH BEFORE THE BASEBALL SEASON OFFICIALLY STARTS, THE VARIOUS CLUBS ARE NOW BUSY GETTING TOGETHER THEIR TEAMS.

H.B., who it is understood will again be entering the competition, will be without the services of H. Winglee and M. el Arculli, their catcher and pitcher respectively, but will still have the services of the majority of last year's team.

Sappers are again entering the League and have already started practice. Last year they did not win many games, but they have improved greatly since.

It is understood that the Cadham Road ground will be the venue of the games this year, and if so it is likely that Club de Recreo will also be competing.

Recreo will be able to raise a fairly good side with the Gocho brothers, Beltrao, Alves, Pereira and Marques as the nucleus.

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All day and all night aircraft of every type—bombers, flyingboats, training machines and civil aircraft, packed to capacity with

human cargo, flew to safety and returned for more. The R.A.F. has countless stories of gallantry to tell of the evacuation.

In addition to thousands of men and women brought away by air, thousands more were guarded as they made the journey in big and little ships.

Greatest Triumph

The personnel of the no longer existing British Air Forces in Greece scored perhaps the greatest triumph of six months' arduous campaigning and though the R.A.F. suffered heavy losses the enemy suffered far greater.

When, owing to the enemy break through on the left flank, the army commanders decided to withdraw to a new line, the R.A.F. suffered the severest blow of the campaign.

They were forced back to two or three bases only and to the odd temporary landing grounds they had used at the start.

All the new aerodromes which had been built were lost or were too close to the enemy lines to be used.

The enemy hammered the few remaining bases continuously so it became impossible to obtain replacements of aircraft.

Great Damage

Nevertheless available planes took off all the time and inflicted great damage on the enemy forces. Details of the campaign before Germany invaded Greece show that at the end of six months' arduous fighting against Italy, R.A.F. bombers had carried out more than 300 raids and nearly 300 aircraft were confirmed as destroyed in the air, besides a huge total of aircraft damaged in the air and on the ground.—Reuter.

RAMSAY MUIR PASSES

RAMSAY MUIR, ONE OF THE MOST PROMINENT MEMBERS OF THE LIBERAL PARTY AND A NOTED WRITER ON HISTORICAL, POLITICAL, MUNICIPAL AND ECONOMIC SUBJECTS, DIED YESTERDAY AGED 69.

He resigned his University professorship and became Member of Parliament and Chairman of the National Liberal Federation for three years.—Reuter.

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DANGEROUS TRADE IN BREST

"Owing to the British bombing raids on Brest," where the Scharnhorst and Gneisenau are lying, Admiral Darlan, according to a Paris despatch to the official German news agency, has decided that all workers in Brest harbour who are heads of families shall receive an additional allowance of 300 francs a month.—Reuter.

MATSUOKA WEARY OF TRAVEL?

Discarding suggestions that he should go to the United States, Mr. Matsuoka, in an interview at Kyoto yesterday, asserted it would be far more appropriate for President Roosevelt or Mr. Cordell Hull to come to Tokyo to learn about conditions existing in the Orient.

"I have studied America."

know Americans. I can grasp the real situation now existing in the United States but I doubt whether President Roosevelt or Mr. Hull can grasp the true situation in the Far East.

"I believe Japanese-American problems could easily be solved if President Roosevelt or Mr. Hull visited Japan rather than my going to the United States."—Reuter.

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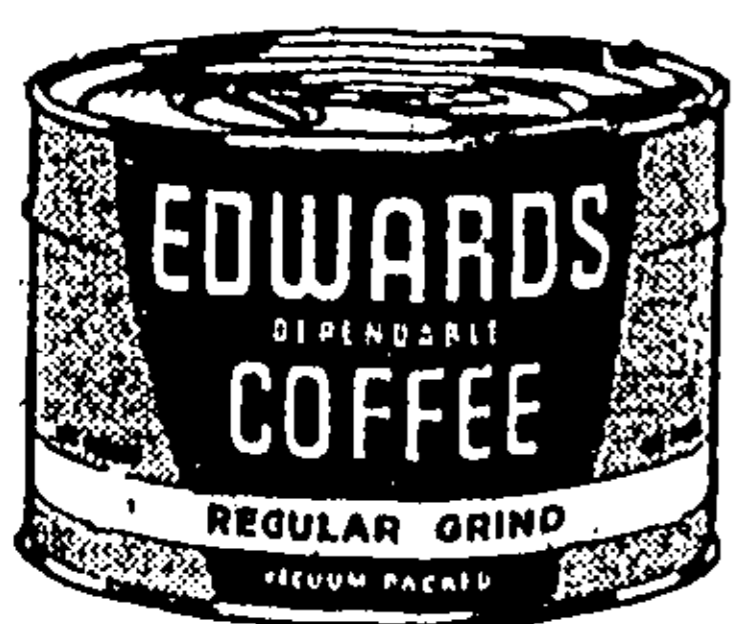
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PROTEST MARCH ON GOVT. HOUSE

Over a thousand "ex-night-soil coolies," mostly women with babies strapped to their backs and trailing children, marched through Caine Road this morning to Government House.

They were only prevented from entering the grounds by the arrival, just in time, of the emergency unit in full strength, under A.S.P. Luscomb and A.S.P. Thompson.

Having ushered the procession beyond the main gate to Government House, the police blocked all road access, with policemen seven deep at key points.

The four representatives who had, presumably, been delegated by the marchers to present their petition to His Excellency, were advised to see the Colonial Secretary or Sir Robert Kotewall.

The advice met with no immediate response, the demonstrators "parking" themselves on the open ground between Upper Albert Road and Garden Road, some of them "weeping and wailing" and others smoking cigarettes and gossiping.

Ready For Lunch!

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FASCIST GRAND COUNCIL TO MEET

Mussolini has summoned the Fascist Grand Council of Ministers to meet at 10 o'clock on Thursday morning, according to a Rome press despatch. There is no hint of what will be discussed. — International—News Service.

Portugal's Precautions

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE LONDON "DAILY MAIL" TO-DAY DECLARES THAT PORTUGAL IS MASSING 50,000 TROOPS ON THE FRONTIERS FACING SPAIN. — INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

DIRECT HIT ON SHELTER IN NAZI AIR RAID

SWARMS OF BRITISH and German warplanes, rocketing back and forth over the dark waters of the Channel, engaged in one of the mightiest bombing battles of the war during the night.

The Germans blasted the Merseyside area in a mass attack causing a heavy loss of life and uncounted damage. The Nazis also ranged over the south and north-east coasts, dropping high explosives and incendiaries.

SOVIET SHIPPING SCHEME

In view of the acute dearth of bottoms, the reported Soviet plans to place nine Soviet vessels in service between Shanghai and southern waters have aroused considerable interest in Northern port.

The vessels are said to be arriving in Shanghai shortly from Vladivostok, bringing large cargoes of daily necessities, and will then be put into service for transportation of general freight between Shanghai and such

A direct hit on a shelter in an unidentified north-east town killed and wounded many.

British bombers carried out an extensive attack on Cologne, Essen, Dusseldorf, Rotterdam and Brest. Other British bombers attacked battle-cruisers docked at Brest, the Cherbourg and Boulogne docks, and Le Touquet aerodrome, as well as objectives in southern Norway. Damage in every case was heavy. — International News Service.

points as Manila and Saigon, and possibly farther east.

It is also reported that the Soviet authorities are planning to open an office in Shanghai to handle shipping business.

If the Soviet plan is true, it is believed it would provide a great reduction in price in such commodities as rice and coal, and it might have a salutary effect on living costs and freight rates which are, at present, prohibitive. — Reuter.

Habbaniyah Defenders Still Holding Ground

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

BRITISH BOMBERS DELIVERED A SMASHING ATTACK YESTERDAY ON BAGHDAD AERODROME, AND PETROL DUMPS AND AMMUNITION MAGAZINES OUTSIDE BAGHDAD WERE ATTACKED WITH SHATTERING EFFECT.

Many direct hits demolished military buildings, while Iraqi aircraft on the ground were overturned and in many cases badly wrecked.

Iraqi troops resumed the shelling of Habbaniyah aerodrome for the third consecutive day.

Retaliating, British planes bombed and machine-gunned Iraqi mechanized troops and transport columns.

An official announcement in London said naive Iraqi forces were thrown back after an assault on Basra.

The announcement added that the beleaguered forces defending Habbaniyah airport are still fighting off fierce assaults.

A report by the Ankara radio heard in New York states that the total of British forces now fighting in Iraq amounts to 50,000 men.

Says Rome

The vital British oil pipeline extending from Mosul to Haifa has been cut, according to a Rome press despatch from Baghdad.

Regent's Proclamation

Emir Abdul Il'ah, former Iraq Regent, yesterday issued a proclamation in Palestine announcing he is returning to Iraq to form a new Government. — International News Service.

LONDON GETS ALERT AFTER 8-DAY LULL

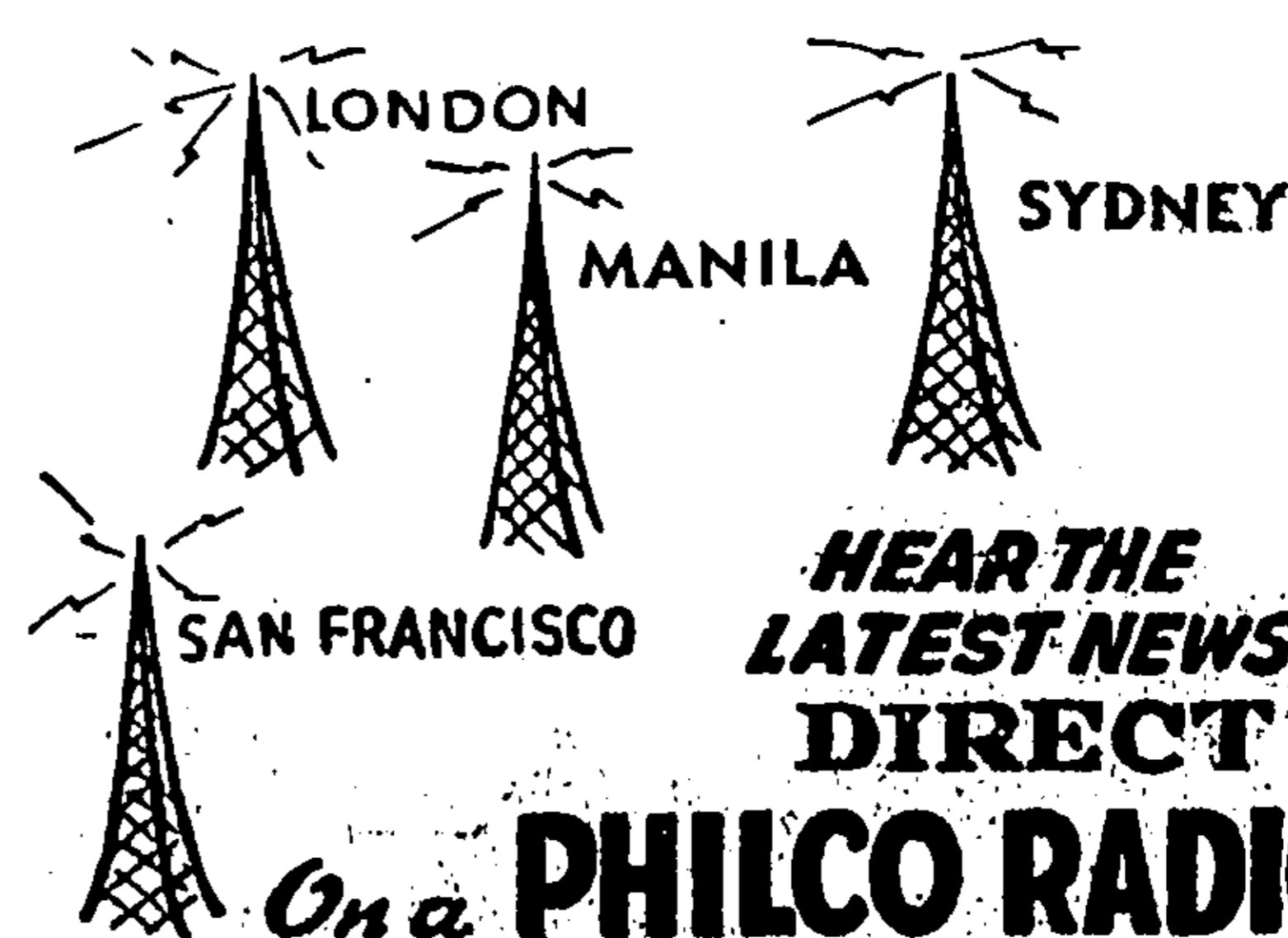
London had a night alert for the second night in succession after a lull of eight days.

No gunfire was heard for some time after the alarm.

Raiders were reported over several parts of Britain.—Reuter.

THAILAND HIGH COMMAND SHUT UP

With signing of the peace treaty between France and Thailand expected sometime this week, the Thai Premier has dissolved the Thai High Command which was formed on November 13 last year following the outbreak of border hostilities, says Reuter from Bangkok.



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EUROPE'S MALIGNED "COOING DOVE" GIVES REICHSTAG SPEECH

THE USUAL DIATRIBE AGAINST MR. CHURCHILL, WITH AN ADDITIONAL ACCUSATION AGAINST "SO-CALLED DEMOCRACIES ON BOTH SIDES OF THE OCEAN," WAS DELIVERED BY HITLER IN A SPEECH AT THE REICHSTAG SESSION IN BERLIN LAST EVENING.

Hitler's arrival at the Reichstag building was heralded by the playing of "Deutschland Über Alles." After a two-minute pause Hitler entered the hall and all members of the Reichstag rose to their feet.

The members stood in memory of some dozen members who have fallen in the battle. The names of the fallen were read out by Goering.

Hitler began speaking shortly after 6 p.m. and was greeted with tremendous applause and shouts of "Sieg Heil!"

Hitler said: "At a time when death is everything I do not intend to come before you more than absolutely necessary."

He turned to you for the first time at the outbreak of war, when I turned to the Franco-British coalition against peace, every attempt at a settlement with Poland, otherwise certainly possible, had failed.

"Small Clique!"

"All my attempts to reach with Britain a particularly permanent and friendly cooperation were frustrated by the wish of a small clique, which turned down every German proposal for an understanding."

"Moving spirit of this plan, as fanatical as it was diabolical, to get war at any price, was, even at that time, Churchill and his assistants, men who now form his Government. The strongest open and concealed support was accorded these efforts by the so-called great Democracies on both sides of the ocean."

"At a time when discontent was increasing among nations, respectable men there, with their feeling of government, considered they could best master problems for which there was no longer any other solution by a successful war."

"Behind them stood the great international Jewish banks and exchanges."

Peace Offer

Referring to his so-called peace offer after the fall of France, Hitler said the European warmongers succeeded in inducing populations to continue the struggle, and as once before they were again ready to sacrifice the blood of nations without scruple in the interests of their gold!

Referring to the attack on Yugoslavia and Greece, Hitler said the operation was greatly facilitated by the sympathetic assistance of Hungary and the loyal attitude of Rumania, without which it would have been extremely difficult to carry out his plans in time.

HE DESCRIBED MR. CHURCHILL'S DECISION TO SEND TROOPS TO GREECE AS "ONE OF THE FAMOUS STRATEGICAL BLUNDERS OF THIS WAR."

Prisoners of war, taken in the Balkans included, Hitler said: Serbs, exclusive of men of German origin, Croats and Macedonians—6,298 officers and more than 336,000 men, and Greeks, 8,000 officers and 210,000 men.

He declared only two tank divisions, one Alpine division and the S.S. Bodyguard were used in the fighting against the British and Australians in Greece.

Goebbels-Bested!

GERMAN LOSSES HITLER ANNOUNCED AS: ARMY, 57 OFFICERS AND 1,042 N.C.O.'S AND MEN KILLED, 181 OFFICERS AND 3,571 N.C.O.'S AND MEN WOUNDED AND 1,000 MISSING.

humanitarian grounds, than an assumption of weakness on the part of Germany.

"They declared such a peace must in no circumstances be made until the German Reich was broken up and the German people so defeated and reduced to such distress that they would queue up beside the field kitchens of their enemies begging for food."

Plotting Norwegians

"At that time the Norwegian Government, misled by the stubborn insistence of Churchill's prophecies, already had begun to toy with the idea of a British landing on their soil."

"It was thanks to Churchill and Reynaud's tendencies to gossip that the German Government gained knowledge of plans being made against the German Government and the German people."

"There is no doubt the British design on Norway was a most serious threat to Germany."

And The Dreaded Dutch!

"After the failure of these plans increased pressure was exerted by the British warmongers on Belgium and Holland. Aim was to advance the front to the Rhine, and thus threaten and paralyse her iron and steel production centres."

"On May 1, 1940, the enemy efforts were broken up in a few days and the stage set for an operation which culminated in the greatest battle of annihilation in the history of the world."

"On July 19, 1940, I convened the German Reichstag and again seized the opportunity of urging that the world must make peace. I made it perfectly clear, however, that in the light of past experience such a hope could only be small."

After attacking "Jewish-Democratic capitalism" Hitler continued: "The European and American warmongers succeeded once again in befogging the sound commonsense of the masses."

Angel Of The Night!

"Even by warning against the night bombing of the civilian population was interpreted as a sign of German impotence. Again and again I uttered warnings against this specific type of aerial warfare. My assurance that from a given moment every one of Churchill's bombs would be returned, if necessary a hundredfold, failed to induce this man to consider even for an instant the criminal nature of his actions."

Referring to Mr. Churchill's statement to Parliament last Thursday, Hitler declared it could only be described as "symptomatic of a paralytic disease or the ravings of a drunkard."

The Balkan Plot!

Hitler accused Mr. Churchill of planning to transform the Balkans into a theatre of war as early as the winter of 1939/40.

"The sudden collapse we witnessed in May and June last year caused these plans to be temporarily abandoned. By autumn last year Churchill began to tackle this problem once again."

"In the meantime, however, certain difficulties had arisen as a result of Rumania dropping out of England's political scheme."

Hitler then gave what he described as "a brief outline of Germany's policy in the Balkans," in which he said the Reich had never pushed any territorial or other selfish political interests in the Balkans and on the contrary had always endeavoured to build up and strengthen close economic relations with these states."

U.S. "IN BY SUMMER"

"We shall be lucky in we're not in the war before the summer," said General Hugh Johnson, U. S. columnist and former N. R. A. administrator, in a speech in Pittsburgh.

The greatest danger America faced, he said, was in the Pacific.

The Reich was only interested in one thing, if indeed there was any question of political interest, namely, in seeing that internally a business partner was established on a sound healthy basis!

He referred to the British guarantees to Rumania and Greece and said Rumania had to pay bitterly for the guarantee which was calculated to estrange her from the Axis powers.

Thus And Thus

Greece, who least of all required this guarantee, was also prepared to give way to British persuasion and link her destiny with that of a country which provided her King with cash and orders.

"As a result of violations of neutrality in the late summer of 1940, Italy felt called upon to make proposals to the Greek Government and demand guarantees that would tend to put an end to conditions which Italy could no longer tolerate."

"This request was refused and thus peace in the Balkans was broken."

Hitler paid a tribute to the resistance offered by the Greek soldiers.

Faint Hope

With some faint hope of being able to contribute to a solution of the problem, he continued, Germany had not severed relations with Greece. He was, however, in duty bound to point out to the world that "we would not passively allow a revival of the old Salonika scheme of the Great War."

His warning, he said, was not taken seriously enough, with the result that the British began to establish bases for the formation of a new Salonika army. They began by laying out aerodromes and establishing the necessary ground organisation, and finally a continuous stream of transports brought equipment for an army which, according to Mr. Churchill's idea, was to be landed in Greece in the course of a few weeks.

The reverse suffered by the Italian army in North Africa owing to certain material inferiority in their tanks and anti-tank guns finally led Churchill to believe that the time was ripe to transfer the theatre of war from Libya to Greece, convinced that he could now proceed to carry out the coup which would immediately set the Balkans aflame.

Not Against Greece!

Thus did Churchill commit one of the greatest strategic blunders of this war. As soon as there could be no further doubt regarding Great Britain's intention to gain a foothold in the Balkans, Hitler said he took steps to assemble the necessary forces for the purpose of counter-attacking any possible tricks.

This action was not directed against Greece, and Mussolini did not even request him to place a single German division at his disposal for that purpose! Mussolini was convinced, and he was of the same opinion, that with the advent of good weather the struggle against Greece would be brought to a speedy and successful conclusion.

He Then Elaborated

The concentration of German forces, therefore, was not made for the purpose of assisting the

TWO RIFLES STOLEN FROM POLICE

Sentence of 10 months' hard labour was imposed on Cheung Hon-mui, 20, by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, for stealing two rifles and a typewriter belonging to the Police Department, between March 19 and April 10.

Four other Chinese, charged with larceny of a rifle from No. 7 Police Station were found not guilty and discharged.

According to Detective Sergeant T. Cashman, a rifle was reported missing by an Indian Constable from Central Police Station, and another was stolen from No. 7 Police Station on April 6. A man named Tang Chi was arrested on April 14, with a rifle in his possession, which was later identified as that stolen from Central.

Defendant was arrested by Chinese Detective Cheung Wing-kam, in connection with the theft of the typewriter.

Defendant gained admittance to the Stations by pretending to be a police informer.

Italians against Greece, but as a precautionary measure against any British attempt to strengthen themselves secretly in the Balkans.

Hitler then elaborated upon the efforts he had made to establish friendly relations with Yugoslavia in an endeavour to prevent her being involved in the Balkan war. He praised the practical attitude of Turkey's leaders in preserving her independence and carrying out her own resolution.

After repeating the facts in relation to the adherence by Yugoslavia to the three-power pact, Hitler said that on March 25, 1941 he left Vienna truly happy because he believed that at the last moment German intervention in the Balkans might become superfluous.

"When I heard of the coup which caused Churchill to utter his joyous words that at last he had something good to report, I at once gave orders to attack Yugoslavia because it was impossible for anyone to treat the German Reich in this way."

Hitler then described in detail the main plan of the campaign against Yugoslavia and Greece in cooperation with the Italian army after a general agreement had been secured in both with Italy and Hungary.

He said that Churchill had alleged that the Greek campaign had cost Germany 75,000 lives which was more than double the losses of the whole Western campaign.

The number of Englishmen, New Zealanders and Australians taken prisoner exceeds 9,000 officers and men, declared Hitler, adding that the booty cannot be even approximately estimated at present.

Figures On Forces

The share of the booty due to the German forces, according to present estimates, amounts to over 500,000 rifles, many thousand machine-guns, anti-aircraft weapons, trench mortars and numerous vehicles, as well as large quantities of ammunition and equipment.

For the operations in the south-east 31 full and 2 half divisions were set apart, of which two infantry and Alpine divisions, six tank divisions, three full and two half mechanised divisions of the army, and armed storm troops took part in the actual fighting.

The losses in the German army and air force, as well as storm troops in this campaign were the smallest we have ever suffered so far. — Reuter.

FIGHTING CONTINUES IN IRAQ

Substantial British Reinforcements On Way



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Iraqi Attacks Easily Repulsed

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

HEAVY BRITISH REINFORCEMENTS, INCLUDING TANKS AND ARMoured CARS, HAVE BEEN LANDED AT HAIFA EN ROUTE TO IRAQ, WHILE THE R.A.F. HAS GONE INTO ACTION FROM BASES IN PALESTINE, AND THE EXILED IRAQ PREMIER, ABDUL ILLAH, HAS ARRIVED IN TRANS-JORDAN TO MOBILISE AN ARMY TO MARCH AGAINST RASHID ALI.

An Iraqi attack, with the aim of seizing Iraq's only seaport at Basra, has been hammered back by British Imperial troops in the second of two heavy battles raging, though the Iraq troops were supported by artillery.

As the British defenders of besieged Habbaniyah aerodrome fought off repeated Iraqi assaults, British and Indian troops at Basra, 250 miles to the south-east, met native columns north of the port and flung them into retreat.

The Iraq forces opened the attack with artillery but British guns replied and British tanks and motorised units advanced, shattering the Iraqi push.

German reports that 800 Indian troops in the Basra sector went over with their equipment to the Iraqis are officially denied in London.

It is admitted that several British planes were destroyed at Habbaniyah.

German Air Support

It is reliably learned in London that in response to Rashid Ali's appeal the Luftwaffe is diverting squadrons to the Near East.

From the Balkans, Stuka fighters have arrived in the Greek Aegean Islands and the Dodecanese, though a major fleet is en route from Libya.

Although the Iraqis have resumed the heavy bombardment of Habbaniyah the defenders are holding out valiantly.—International News Service.

U.S. AID REACHES SUEZ CANAL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

TWENTY-SIX AMERICAN MERCHANTMEN LOADED WITH WAR MATERIALS HAVE REACHED SUEZ. IT WAS REPORTED YESTERDAY.

In Washington an official denial was issued of the report, which alleged that U.S. warships were escorting the merchantmen.

The Navy Department declared: "No U.S. Navy ships are employed on convoy duty."—International News Service.

His appeal for German help has actively lowered his stock in Ankara because if the Axis could give him effective help, which is regarded as most unlikely, the result would be a further encirclement of Turkey by the Axis.

In unofficial Turkish circles regret is expressed that Britain allowed matters to go so far and did not act earlier in the face of strong German agitation in the Arab States and Iran.

Von Papen

The leading light in the German trouble-making machine in the Near East is believed to be the Nazi Ambassador to Turkey, von Papen, himself, who is returning

to Ankara shortly.

With his return the Reich may be expected to redouble its efforts to embarrass the British.

A statement alleged to have been made by Baghdad radio that the Arabs are fighting in Palestine, may perhaps indicate coming German attempts to cause trouble there.—Reuter.

FAMILIES REACH HAIFA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

British women and children from Iraq are arriving by plane at Haifa and the evacuation is nearing completion.—International News Service.

IRAQIAN REGENT SEEKING TO RALLY COUNTRY

IT WAS OFFICIALLY announced in London yesterday that British troops have occupied the airport, dock area and power station at Basra. The Iraqis agreed to withdraw their forces but despite an extension of the time allowed, failed to do so, and the British forces drove them out by bombing and artillery fire.

Meanwhile His Royal Highness Emir Abdul Illah, has issued a proclamation in Palestine calling on Iraqis to rise against Rashid Ali and asserting that "Rashid Ali and other ill-disposed persons, bought by foreign gold, have by force thrust me from my sacred duties as guardian of my nephew, your beloved young King."

Abdul Illah declared: "Under their evil sway the noble land of Iraq has been poisoned by falsehood and lies and brought from the blessings of peace to the horrors of venomous war.

"My duty is plain. I am returning to restore the tarnished honour of my native land and lead it back to peaceful prosperity under the lawfully constituted Government.

"I call upon all true sons of Iraq to drive out this band of traitors and restore to our beloved country true liberty and independence.

Lies And Intrigues

"Recall your sons and brothers from this war, brought upon your hands by the lies and intrigues of foreigners thinking only of their selfish interests.

"Soldiers! Go peacefully to your stations and there peacefully await my restoration of an independent Iraqi constitutional Government.

"Long live King Faisal the Second!"

A Vichy report says Rashid Ali has ordered work on the Iraq Petroleum Company's concession to be suspended, according to a message from Baghdad. It is reported that certain refineries are to continue work for the benefit of Rashid's troops.—Reuter.

TRANS-JORDAN DISCUSSION

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THE DEVELOPMENTS IN IRAQ WERE GIVEN CONSIDERATION AT A LUNCHEON GIVEN ON SATURDAY BY EMIR ABDULLAH OF TRANS-JORDAN IN HONOUR OF EMIR ABDUL ILLAH, HIS NEPHEW, SAYS A DESPATCH FROM AMMAN TO CAIRO.

Several former Iraq Ministers, as well as Arab leaders from Palestine and Trans-Jordan also attended the luncheon.—Reuter.

ANGLO-TURKISH TALK ON IRAQ DEVELOPMENTS

SIR HUGHE Knatchbull-Hugessen, the British Ambassador, saw Dr. Sarajoglu, the Turkish Foreign Minister, yesterday when doubtless, following the usual practice, the Ambassador informed Dr. Sarajoglu of all the latest developments in the Iraqi situation.

The Turks appear to have the fullest understanding and sympathy with Britain's attitude and deplore Rashid Ali's action, which was inspired by the Axis.

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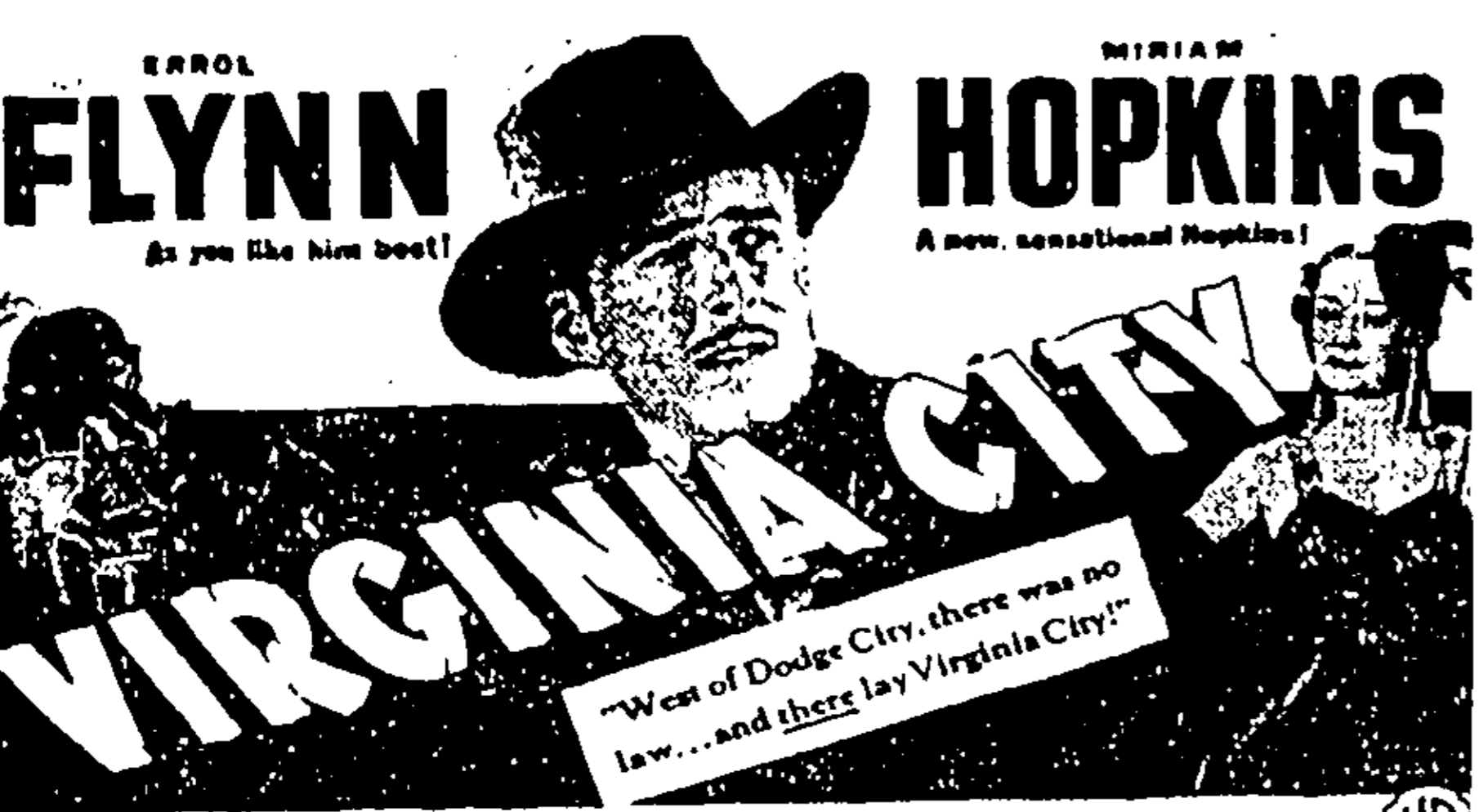
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GERMAN LOSSES IN RAID ON MERSEYSIDE

THE DESTRUCTION by fighters of 14 of 16 enemy bombers shot down during Saturday night was the Fighter Command's most successful night of the war, states an Air Ministry bulletin.

Further claims for the destruction of others are being investigated.

Highest number of raiders previously brought down in one night was 13, and of those one was brought down by A.A. fire and another "by unspecified means."

Saturday night's achievement brings the total down over Britain in the first three nights of May to 21.

In addition one was brought down by British fighters over France on Friday night.

Of 163 brought down in raids on Britain in April, 84 fell to British fighters.

German Losses

Since war began the Luftwaffe in day and night raids on Britain, have now lost 3,327 planes.

Confirming that 16 enemy aircraft were destroyed on Saturday night, an Air Ministry communique says one of them was brought down by the balloon barrage and two by A.A. fire.

The remainder were shot down by British fighters, in addition to one over Northern France.

Enemy aircraft crossed the south-east and south-west coasts in daylight yesterday, penetrating a few miles inland, but no bombs hitherto have been reported dropped.—Reuter.

U.S. ARAB LEADER'S APPEAL

The following statement has been made by De Faud I Shatara, President of the Arab National League in the U.S.A.: "We are watching with great anxiety the developments in Iraq, and we greatly sympathise with all efforts to attain legitimate Iraqi aspirations by peaceful means.

"England may have erred in the past and we recognise the position in Palestine as being far from satisfactory for all parties concerned but under Hitler there can be no future for the Arab world.

"It was England which liberated the Arabs of Iraq and aided them to become a proud and independent people.

We therefore believe it would be in the best interests of Iraq and all other Arab states to maintain the traditional friendly relations with Britain and attempt to adjust all differences by means of direct negotiations with British representatives and the Arab world.

"The United States, country of our adoption, is lending full support to the world Democracies.

"Its tremendous resources are bound to ensure the victory of Britain and the other Democracies.

"We urge you not to be misled by temporary Axis victories but the ultimate outcome of the war." — British Wireless.

THEFT ABOARD RIVER STEAMER

Ho Ping, 31, unemployed, was charged before Mr. G. T. Lowry this morning, with stealing \$500 from a passenger on board the s.s. Fook On early this morning. Detective Sergeant W. Summers who prosecuted, said that a complaint was made when the s.s. Fook On arrived from Macao this morning. The money was found in defendant's pocket, and he admitted the theft.

Sentence of four months' hard labour was passed.

HALF IRAQI AIR FORCE DESTROYED

Half the Iraqi air force has been destroyed or put out of action, according to a special R.A.F. communique issued in Cairo last night.

The communique stated that bomber aircraft of the R.A.F. carried out another heavy attack on the Iraqi aerodrome at Moascar Rashid yesterday.

Severe damage was caused to aerodrome buildings and workshops and at least 22 Iraqi aircraft put out of action.

A number of air combats occurred resulting in several hostile aircraft being disabled.

A railway line was bombed and an armoured train turned back. Many raids were made on Iraqi gun positions, mechanised units and troop concentrations outside Habbaniyah and many direct hits were obtained. These targets were bombed throughout the day.

Direct Hits

In a later raid on Moascar Rashid aerodrome direct hits were registered on sheds, buildings and aircraft.

Two Iraqi fighters attempting to intercept our bombers were shot down. Our aircraft returned safely to base.

The 25 Iraqi aircraft destroyed would appear to represent half the Iraqi air force, which at the outbreak of war on September 3, 1939, numbered 50, including 36 front-line machines.—Reuter.

SHIP'S MASTER SUMMONED

Captain E. E. Ulstad appeared at the Marine Court this morning before Commander J. Jolly charged with carrying in his vessel 21 passengers in excess of the number allowed.

Defendant pleaded guilty and a fine of \$200 was imposed.

Two junk masters were fined \$20 each for entering the Hathon Channel Minefield.

WEDDINGS AT THE REGISTRY

At the Supreme Court Registry this morning, the marriages took place of Mr. Manuel Hernandez to Miss Alicia Lau, of No. 169, Sai Yeung Choi Street, and Mr. Chang Beh Quen, accountant, to Miss Chau Sui Fong, of No. 28, King Kwong Street, Happy Valley.

NEW BLITZ TACTICS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Within an hour of a furious R.A.F. bombardment of the German-occupied invasion coast of France the Luftwaffe was lashing the Liverpool area for the third successive night.

The Luftwaffe, passing London en route to the north-west, caused an alert but the all clear went before dawn. Flares were dropped on the outskirts of London, but no bombs followed.

New blitz tactics were used in the attack on Liverpool and Merseyside. Instead of dropping flares and incendiaries to light the targets, explosive bombs of all sizes were rained down from the outset.

Many buildings were demolished and casualties were heavy.

Meanwhile other Nazi raiders were engaged in the conventional fire blitz on other towns.

An air raid shelter was demolished in a north-east coast town, several being killed and injured. —International News Service.

HOUSED OUT OF WANCHAI

"Tse Fa" gambling establishments in Wanchai are gradually closing down as a result of police activity, over 100 such places having "put up the shutters" during the last fortnight, it is estimated in police quarters.

It has been noted that in most recent cases brought into Court, defendants, contrary to earlier practice, have taken gaol sentences instead of paying fines.

The Police believe that this is a result of an arrangement between the "keepers" and the syndicates, the latter finding it apparently more economical to pay a daily remuneration to the "agent" or "keeper" during imprisonment than to pay the fines imposed.

Establishments in Wanchai, where police surveillance is most alert, are believed to be seeking new pastures.

SOLD FOR CASH

THE BOMBER FUND RAF-FLE WINNERS OF THE SUN-BEAM TALBOT CAR AND THE SAILING YACHT HAVE BOTH CONVERTED THEIR PRIZES INTO CASH.

The Indian Constable who won the car sold it for \$4,500, and the Gloucester Hotel "Captain" who won the yacht obtained \$2,800.

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WOMEN OFFER BEAUTY

(From A Correspondent)
Women of Britain are ready to give more than their blood for victory.

One of them wrote to Dr. W. S. Stanbury, of Leeds, Regional Blood Transfusion Officer:—
"I am willing to part with an ear, left-hand finger, thumb or toe, or give a yard of skin, if it will help any kiddie injured in an air raid."

And a twelve-year-old school-girl walked into the Mayor's Parlour at Exeter and offered the Mayor her hair.

"I thought the proceeds could go to the war effort," she told him, handing over her tresses.

The Mayor, Mr. R. Glave Saunders, examined the blonde locks and thanked the donor, Olive Martin, of Old Tiverton Road, Exeter, for her sacrifice.

Olive had her hair cut when she was six. That hair was saved and handed to the Mayor with the locks she lost this week.

65 But Game

Another Yorkshire woman wrote to the Leeds Blood Transfusion Officer:—
"I am sixty-five and last March

FRIEND MAY CARRY ON GENIUS'S JOB

HIS GREATEST FRIEND MAY COME TO ENGLAND TO CARRY ON THE LATE SIR FREDERICK BANTING'S PROJECTED RESEARCH INTO WARTIME EPIDEMICS

He is Professor Charles Best, of Toronto, of the Banting and Best partnership immortalised nineteen years ago by their discovery of insulin as a cure for diabetes.

Sir Frederick Banting was killed in an air crash.

Professor Best is one of the shyest of men.

When he came to London a few years ago he went to see an American film of the discovery of insulin in which Best was played by an actor who dramatised his share of the work.

Best couldn't sit it out. Shyness drove him from the cinema.

had a stroke, losing the use of my left arm and leg.

"I do not know how a stroke affects the value of one's blood, but being lame, I can do no active work."

"I should be glad to do something for my fellows if I can by giving blood."

Dr. Stanbury told me: "Many people are writing to me asking why blood donors cannot be given a badge. I designed one and submitted it to the Ministry of Health, but have heard nothing yet."

"If metal for badges cannot be spared, I think the wearing of a red stripe, as suggested by one donor, would be a good alternative."

BOY ACCUSED OF SELLING HIS SISTER

A story alleging that a 16-year-old boy sold his 7-year-old sister was related before Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon this morning when four persons were charged with unlawful transfer of the girl for a valuable consideration on April 27.

Accused, a 16-year-old boy, Chau Chau-choi, 44, barber, Chau Yee, 47, married woman, and Yau Kiu, 41, widow, all pleaded guilty with the exception of the boy.

Inspector Moreton, of the S.C.A., stated that the girl and her brother lived in Shek Ku King Village, Kowloon City. Chau Yee was the principal tenant of the hut.

On April 27, Chau Choi visited the hut and said a friend wished to purchase a girl to be her daughter-in-law.

An agreement was reached that the boy should sell his sister for \$13.

The parties went to Yaumati Railway Station and Chau Choi took the girl to Taiipo.

On the following morning Inspector Moreton added, he appears to have handed \$13 to the boy in a tea house. Chau Yee received \$3 for her services as go-between.

Yesterday, the police accompanied second accused to Shataukok and arrested fourth accused, the woman who bought the girl, and located the girl.

After evidence by the prosecution, the case was adjourned to Wednesday to hear the defence of the boy.

TO BROADCAST ON HIS HEAD

IN THE PRIVACY OF HIS OWN HOME A B.B.C. ANNOUNCER IS PRACTISING STANDING ON HIS HEAD.

He is rehearsing for one of his toughest jobs, for he must stand on his head and read a news bulletin in the Home Service programme.

And he must perform this feat again two days later in the Forces programme.

It will be part of the "Prize puzzle corner," competition, and listeners will have to guess who he is.

SKINNED FROGS ALIVE

Charged with cruelty to two frogs by peeling off their skins while they were alive, Au Kiu, 56, was fined \$5 or seven days' hard labour, by Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning.

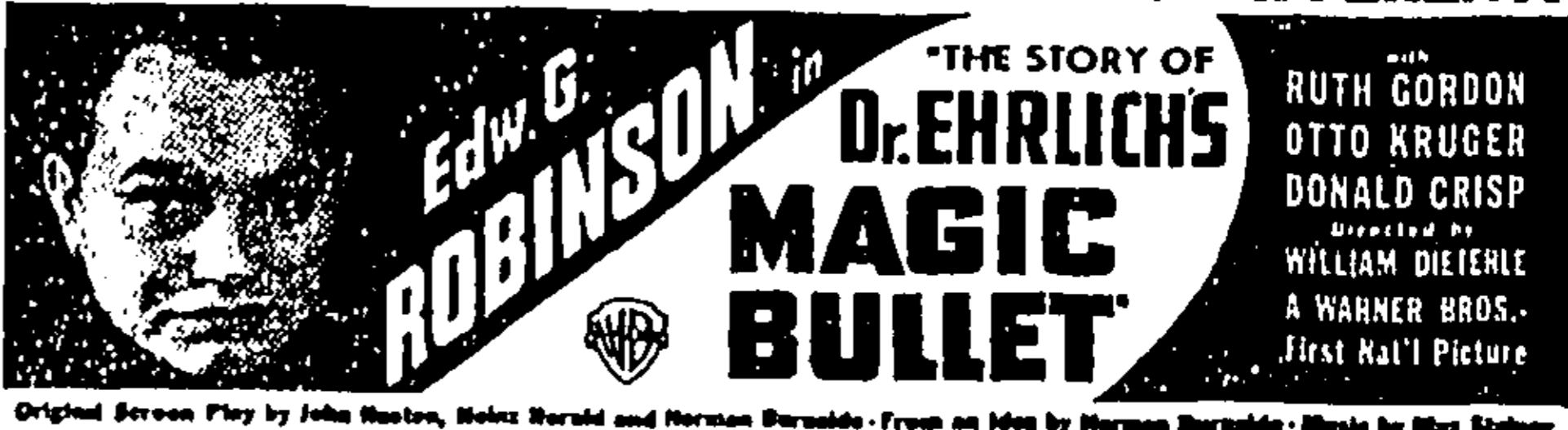
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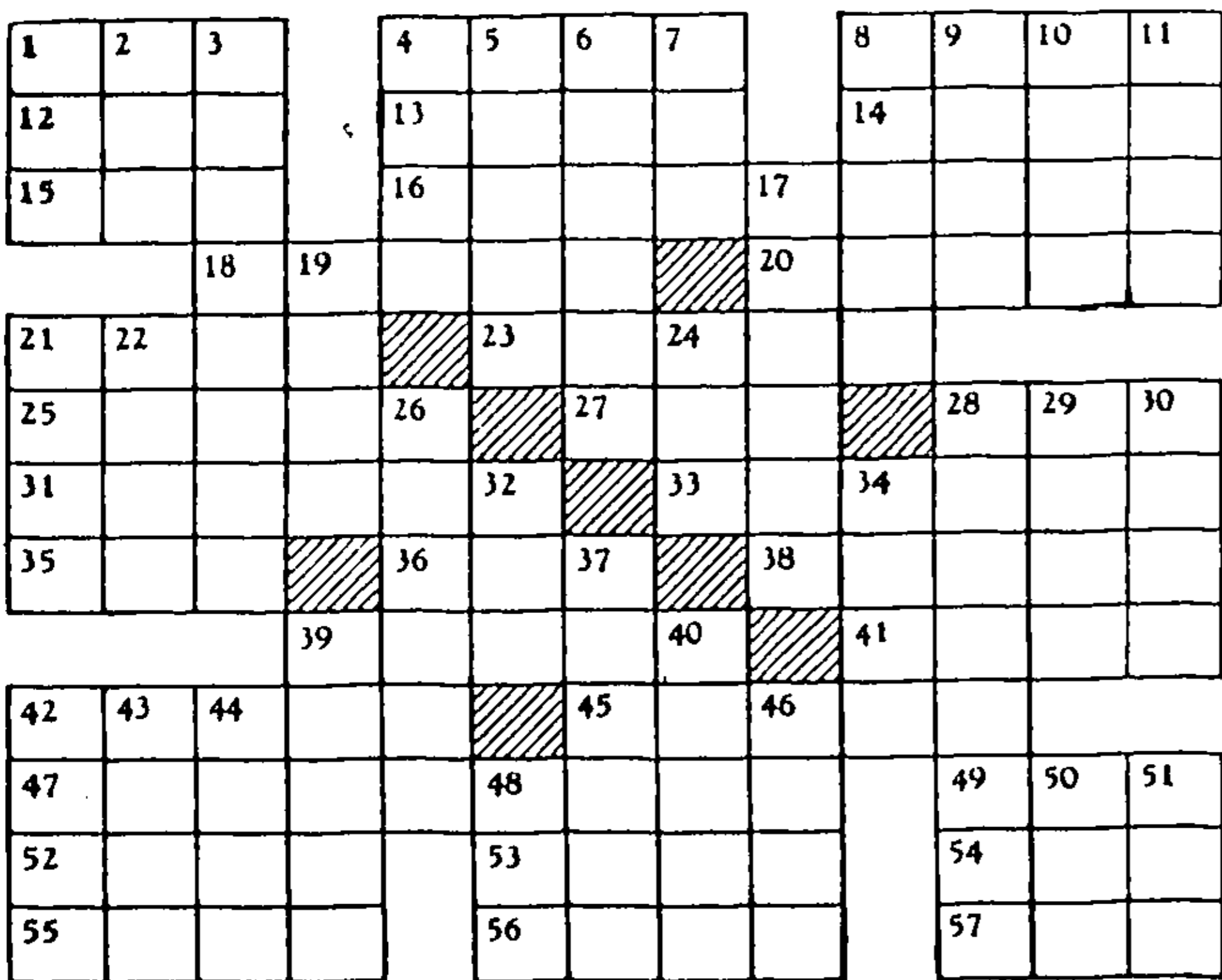
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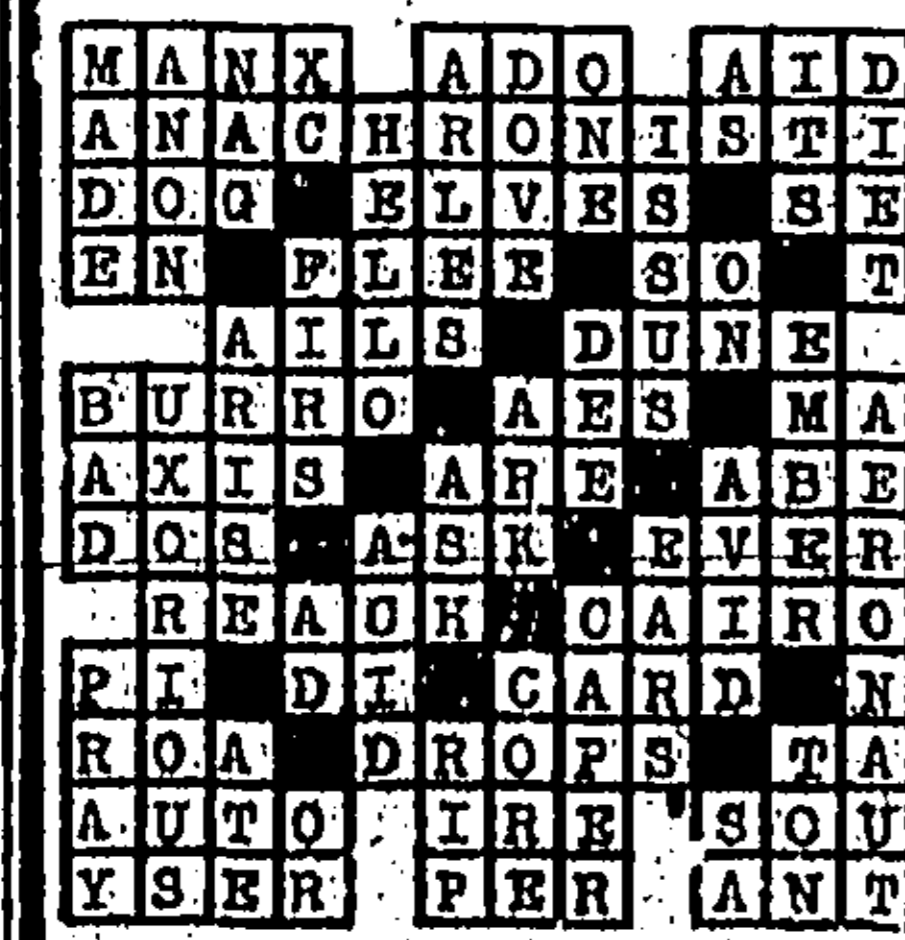
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- 4 Girl
- 8 Arrived
- 12 Melody
- 13 The killer whale
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- 15 Bustle
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- 18 To gather
- 20 Loan deposit
- 21 To heal
- 23 Oven
- 25 Archaic; concerning
- 27 Cebine monkey
- 28 Total
- 31 Remote from point of origin
- 33 Poisonous fly
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- 36 Kiwi
- 38 Rabbits
- 39 Tempest
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- 47 Mournful

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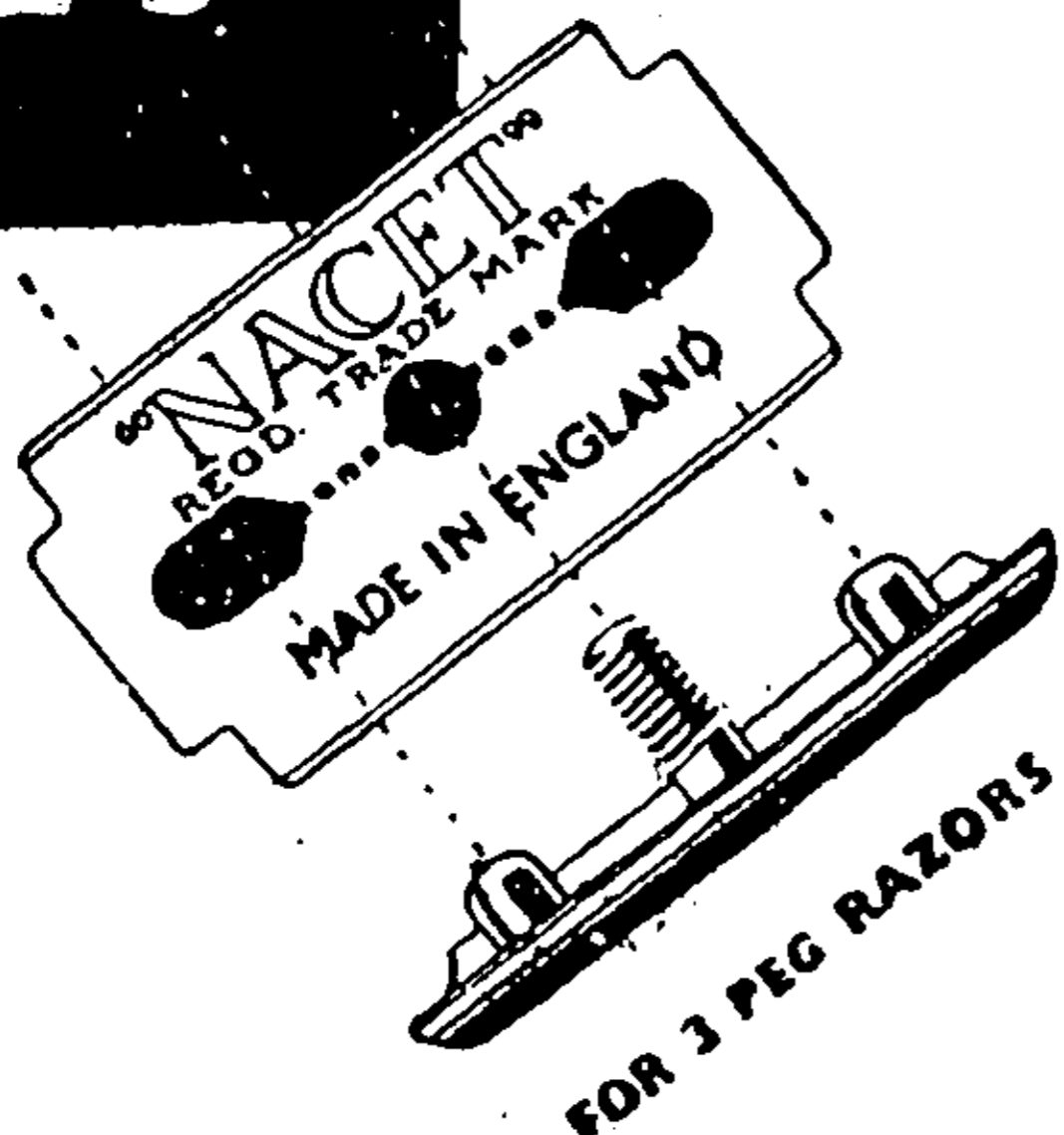
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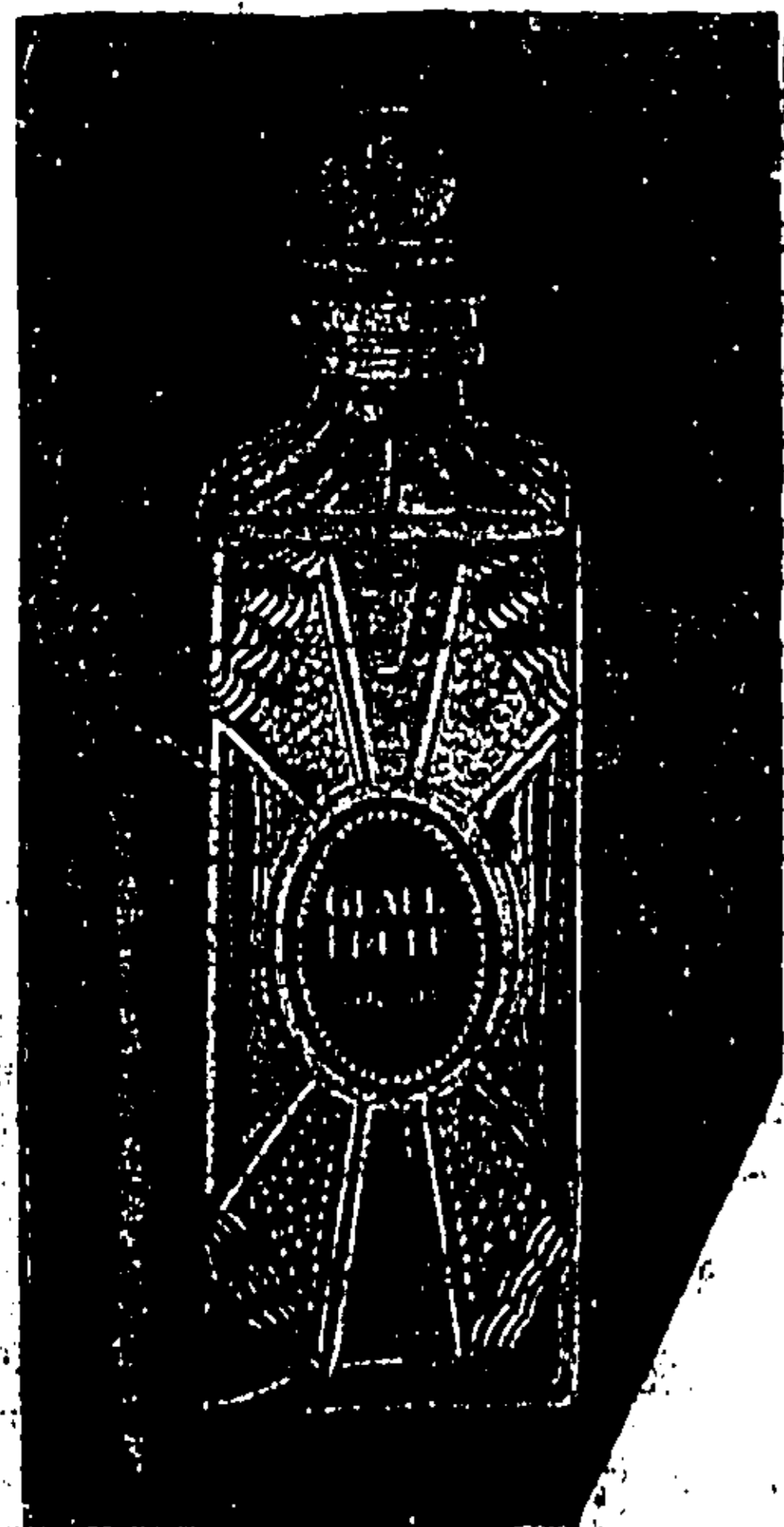


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VIGOROUS ACTION BY R.A.F. IN NEAR EAST THEATRES

VIGOROUS ACTION by the R.A.F. in Iraq, the Mediterranean, Libya and Abyssinia is reported in an R.A.F. Middle East communique issued in Cairo.

R.A.F. bombers attacked a convoy of enemy merchant ships escorted by destroyers in the Mediterranean. Direct hits were made on destroyers and three merchant ships of 12,000, 8,000 and 4,000 tons respectively.

R.A.F. bombers heavily attacked petrol dumps and magazines at an Iraqi aerodrome at Moreit, outside Baghdad. The bombs demolished military buildings and damaged aircraft on the ground.

During this operation the British bombers also shot down an Iraqi aircraft and severely damaged others.

The shelling of Habbaniyah aerodrome by Iraqi guns was resumed early yesterday morning, causing some casualties to non-combatants.

Reply To Fire

In reply British aircraft bombed and machine-gunned mechanised transport, with the result that the shelling was reduced.

Bombers continued to harass the enemy in Cyrenaica.

The aerodrome at Benina was heavily attacked at night. Two Junkers troop-carriers were destroyed by bombs and machine-gun fire and many others severely damaged.

The aerodrome was again severely bombed in daylight and many other Junkers troop-carriers damaged.

Benghazi Fire

In Benghazi a large fire and violent explosions were caused on military objectives.

The R.A.F. has again given continuous and powerful support to the successful operations of British ground forces in the Amba Alagi and Falag Pass areas of Abyssinia.

Great destruction was caused to enemy fortifications, motor transport and supplies by bombs and machine-gun attacks.

Heavy casualties were inflicted on enemy troops.

From all the foregoing operations, adds the communique, all our aircraft returned safely. — Reuter

ITALY BANS "AGONY ADS"

Because they might be used by spy organisations, personal and small, bargain advertisements have been banned in the Italian Press.

SANCTUARY VIOLATED BY IRAQIS

When tension in Iraq became acute, Rashid Ali offered facilities to the British Minister for the removal of British women and children from Baghdad to the shelter of the R.A.F. station at Habbaniyah, it was revealed in Simla yesterday.

That "sanctuary" was promptly violated by the Iraq forces surrounding the station.

The Imperial troops now in Iraq, despite overt provocation by Iraqi troops, are occupying only certain points essential to fulfillment of the Anglo-Iraq Treaty terms, it was stated in Simla. — Reuter.

COLOGNE'S FIRST TASTE

SATURDAY NIGHT'S RAID ON COLOGNE, ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT CENTRES OF GERMAN INDUSTRY AND COMMUNICATIONS, GAVE THE CITY ITS FIRST EXPERIENCE OF THE NEW VERY POWERFUL BRITISH BOMBS.

Clouds could not hide the signs of progressive ruin in the city. Flashes of detonating bombs hit up the R.A.F. aircraft through the clouds and there were big fires in areas between the Hohenzollern Bridge and the centre of the town. — British Wireless.

U.S. ARMY TRAINING FOR "1941-42 WARFARE"

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The U. S. Secretary of Navy promised in a speech yesterday that "in 90 days this nation will be producing more combatant equipment than any country in the world, including Germany."

After reviewing the 44th Division, Col. Knox said the Army was being trained "for 1941-42 kind of warfare. This army will stack up against any in the world." — International News Service.

VICTORY AT TOBRUK

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A BRITISH VICTORY IN THE THREE-DAY BATTLE OF TOBRUK IS CLAIMED IN CAIRO, WITH AN ASSERTION THAT FIGHTING HAS DIED DOWN.

After suffering terrible losses the Axis columns were forced to recoil for reinforcement and reformation after defeat in a day-long series of attacks. — International News Service.

Official Communique

A Cairo G.H.Q. communique yesterday stated "Libya—although the enemy attack against the outer defences of Tobruk may be renewed it was definitely brought to a standstill on Saturday afternoon when enemy tanks withdrew in the face of vigorous artillery fire."

In the Sollum area our mechanised forces again carried out a successful raid, inflicting casualties and capturing prisoners.

Abyssinia—another important feature has been captured by our troops advancing on Amba Alagi. In the southern districts operations are continuing. — British Wireless.

LOSSES IN THE WAR OF THE AIR

During the week ended Saturday the Germans lost 22 planes in combat in Europe and the R.A.F. 18.

In the Middle-East the Axis lost 19 planes and the R.A.F. 10. During the seven-day period ended noon on Saturday one German plane was destroyed by a British warship and the destruction of another by "a naval vessel" was published. — British Wireless.

CHINA MAIL

WINDSOR HOUSE

A DOUBLE DOSE

The ingenious idea of the late Mr. Willett for getting the utmost enjoyment out of our summer days has been seized upon by the war for purposes which he, happily, never contemplated. The Government, having kept "summer time" running throughout the winter, recently decided to add another hour to it during the months from May to August and it came into effect yesterday.

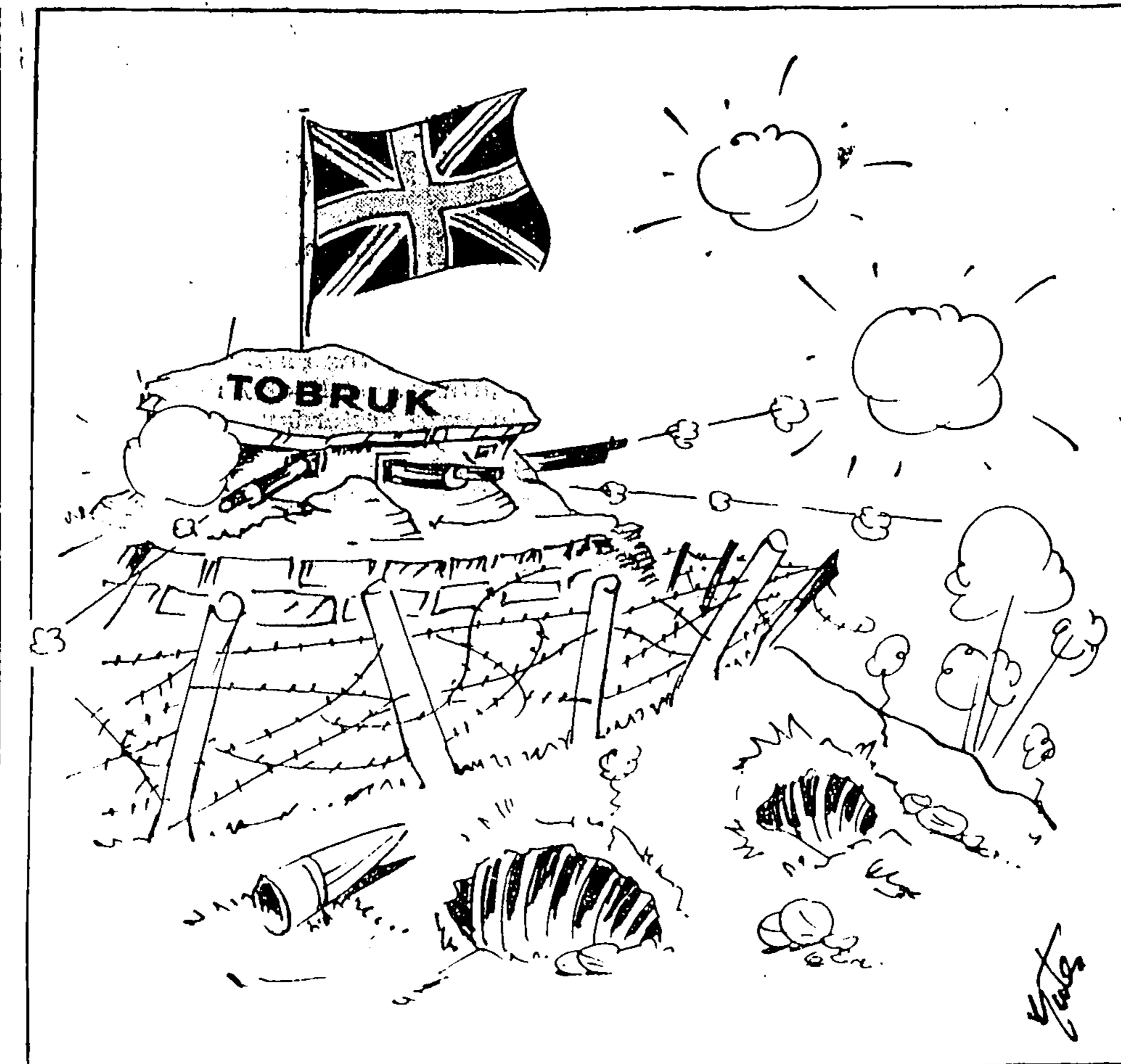
Nobody will imagine in these days that the extra hour is for delectation. Its purpose is to increase the working hours for munition making and for work in the docks and on the railways. For this and for more selfish reasons most people welcome it.

But on the farms it has appeared as a considerable grievance, as creating special difficulties on dairy farms. The cows must be milked at regular intervals. To maintain the hours which custom and the sun have established would put the work of the dairy and the distribution of milk seriously out of step with the life of consumers. Under the new summer time, it has been pointed out, the cowman would have to begin his work at three in the morning. Those who have charge of children, too, will find the problems of bedtime enormously increased.

The Government has recognised these grievances, which were urged with almost dramatic force; but it weighed the advantages and disadvantages against one another and it found that the former preponderate heavily. The cowmen are to adjust their hours by starting later. But there is immense value in the extra hour to transport and industry. It will enable many factories to work two shifts in daylight. The effect of the change upon the blackout will be remarkable in midsummer.

OYSTERS

Are there any grounds at all, except those of local patriotism, for the obiter dictum of Mr. Menzies to Fleet Street journalists, "The British oyster is incomparably inferior to the Australian oyster?" If that statement is correct the Australian oyster must be very good indeed and worthy of far more general fame than it has yet secured for itself. For the excellence of the Eng-



THORN IN THE SIDE

Help For Britain

By
Walter Farr

In a 400-miles journey from Portland, Maine, down America's Atlantic seaboard, I have seen at first hand what the passage of the Lease-and-Lend Bill by Congress means to Britain.

They are making merchant ships, patrol bombers for use against the U-boats, bombers to attack the U-boat bases, torpedoes for the British Navy, depth charges, and even huge quantities of foodstuffs for Britain (mainly such things as powdered milk).

I made the following notes in the places I visited along the coast to give you an idea of the gigantic speed-up now going on:

Speeding The Ships

Portland (Maine). — Hundreds more workmen are being rushed here to hurry forward the building of a series of basins in which a mass of new cargo ships for the British Merchant Service will be constructed.

The first order was for 60 of these ships. Now the number is expected to be doubled or trebled.

To get increased speed in the building of British Government shipping, experts decided to construct the vessels in basins instead of on ordinary sloping stocks. Instead of launching them in the ordinary way, they will be launched by water being let into the basins and floating them out to sea.

It is a secret when these ships will be ready for service, but I was told by one of the men in

British native has been celebrated for centuries and it has even been claimed that it was one of the things which brought the Romans to Britain; at any rate, they devoured it in great numbers, as is proved by the oyster shells on the sites of their villas.

Perhaps he is thinking of mere size, and it may be admitted that Southern seas produce some whoppers; there are oysters dredged up near Ceylon which measure eleven inches across. But then again, especially as he was speaking in front of journalists, he may have been thinking of another kind of oyster altogether.

charge that once they begin rolling out of the basins they will be completed at the rate of one every fortnight. Each ship will be of 10,000 tons dead weight.

Secret Bomb-Sight

Brooklyn (New York). — Coming here from Portland I passed through hundreds of small towns and villages each one of which is doing some kind of job to help the Aid to Britain programme.

One of the most vital sections of the Lease-and-Lend Bill from our point of view is that it gives Mr. Roosevelt the power to send Britain many more of America's secret weapons, such as the Norden bomb-sight.

I was shown over the home of that famous American bomb-sight here in Brooklyn, the factory of the Sperry Company — one of the most closely guarded buildings in America. As the result of new British orders thousands more workmen are being taken on to double the manufacture of such things as bomb-sights and for gadgets ensuring accurate anti-aircraft fire by day and by night.

The Sperry people have many other secrets beside the bomb-sight. One is a new kind of guiding-ray which helps aircraft to land in bad flying conditions, and which may be used to help the R.A.F. to carry on attacking Germany in the worst kind of weather.

A few miles away, in another huge Brooklyn factory, I saw hundreds of torpedoes being made for the British Navy — torpedoes which can be taken aboard British warships when they come for repairs to Brooklyn Navy Yard.

Not far from Brooklyn are Port Washington and the LaGuardia Field, now two vital airports for Britain. Special arrangements are being made there to provide depots and extra facilities for coping with the hundreds of the giant new type Flying Fortresses and patrol bombers — the first batches of which are arriving from California — which use these airports as the last ports of call before heading for England.

The ferrying of these bombers across the Atlantic is being enormously speeded-up by the use of a series of transport planes for rushing ferry pilots here from Britain instead of bringing them over by boat. The number of ferry pilots has been doubled and trebled, showing that Britain can now expect many more big bombers from America.

Philadelphia. — During the hour I spent here between trains I was invited to attend a conference of leading American machine-tool manufacturers.

Machine tools are the very foundation of war industry. The conference discussion showed that machine tools in America will in future be used almost solely for the manufacture of war material, not for making new designs for American motor-cars or other such luxuries, and that a large quantity of American machine tools are being sent to Britain.

A Heartening Sight

Baltimore. — Here is the most heartening sight of the whole trip. In the vast Glenn Martin bomber factory they told me that the new orders which Britain has been able to place now that she doesn't have to worry about the dollar sign will ensure us getting a new batch of many hundreds of fast medium bombers of the type specially suited to the job of lashing the invasion ports and breaking up the barge concentrations. (A large number of these have already been delivered to Britain.)

The head of the Martin factory showed me acres and acres of workshops doing scarcely anything else but build these bombers for the R.A.F. These constitute one of our greatest needs at the present time. Included in our new orders here will also be a mass of newly designed Martin long-range bombers for use in attacking German U-boats in the Atlantic.

The last, and probably the most significant, thing I saw on this trip down America's coastline was the huge Bethlehem shipbuilding yards at Baltimore. Mr. Frank Hodge, who is in charge of the yards, took me along the shore of the Patuxent River and pointed proudly to nine different slipways, each with a merchant ship on it nearing completion.

"We are not wasting a minute," said Mr. Hodge. "There is no red tape now. I get people ringing me up and ordering a batch of new ships by telephone, instead of arranging conferences about it."

"We delivered one ship last Saturday. We are launching a new one this Saturday. A few hours afterwards we lay down another new one. What is happening here is happening everywhere throughout the country. It's the last war all over again."

The ships Mr. Hodge is building are not destined directly for the British merchant fleet, but every one that rolls off the stocks means releasing an old American ship for use in carrying supplies to Britain.

Across Chesapeake Bay they're building more shipyards. It's the same wherever you go in America. The avalanche of American industrial aid to Britain is beginning to roll.

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THE EFFICACY OF BRITAIN'S BLOCKADE

THE IMPORTANCE and efficacy of the British blockade was stressed by the Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Minister of Economic Warfare in a speech at Birmingham yesterday.

"Because Hitler is temporarily master of most of Europe," Mr. Wilmot said, "some people imagine he now has access to vast unlimited supplies which will enable him to carry on the war indefinitely."

"They either forget the blockade or attempt to argue it no longer counts."

"Let me disillusion them. Hitler controls the western seaboard of Europe from Narvik to Biarritz but from the point of view of supplies it avails him nothing, for no German ship dare sail on the surface of the Atlantic to bring him goods from the Americas."

"If the conquered countries are to be of any use to him Hitler must feed them, organise their industries and adapt their transport systems. This means sending valuable stocks of food, raw materials and machinery which Germany can ill afford to spare."

"Immediately on occupation the Germans looted everything of value in the conquered countries and so made up many deficiencies. Now they are grudgingly having to return some of the spoils."

"A conquered country is a liability as well as an asset."

Feeling Pinch

"More and more the Germans are going to feel the pinch but whatever shortages there may be in Germany will not be felt by the army first. It is civilians who will have to bear the brunt of want and it may well be that under the strain they may break, as they did 1918, irrespective of the victories of German arms. That is why the blockade must be maintained."—British Wireless.

MARINES IN EVERY SCRAP

At the beginning of the war thirty Royal Marines N.C.O.s went through an officers' training course. Of the twenty who became commissioned officers at least two are now acting majors and one has served with particular distinction.

Since the Battle of the River Plate we haven't heard much of the Marines, but they have been in nearly every "show" in the war, with an unflinching record of gallantry.

They are flying with the Fleet Air Arm, they man the long-range guns on our South Coast.

In Low Countries

Marines fought with conspicuous heroism when the Nazis overran the Low Countries and France. Their job was to defend the ports and to cover naval demolition parties.

At Calais, a gallant detachment lost all its officers. "By Sea and Land" is their motto—another way of saying "The Marines are always there!"

LORRY GAVE 20 FT. LIFT—UP

Doctors of the R.A.F. medical branch get some queer cases. One recent patient reported that he had "fallen 20ft. from a lorry." "But you can't fall 20ft. from a lorry," protested the medical officer. "You could from this one, sir," the man replied, firmly. "It was being dragged over a field by a run-away balloon, and when it got up to 20ft. I baled out."

FREE-FOR-ALL IN SHANGHAI POWER DEPOT

Five workers of the P.W.D. in the French Concession of Shanghai were seriously injured and 30 arrested when police intervened in a free-for-all at the power depot.

The fight started when workers who had gone on strike last week tried to stop other workers returning to their jobs. — International News Service.

VITAMIN CANDY FOR CHILDREN

A plan to send vitamin candy tablets to British children has been launched in New York by the British-American Ambulance Corps.

The tablets are cinnamon-flavoured and contain vitamins A (particularly useful in preventing night blindness); B-1 (for nerve and growth); B-2 (which prevents skin troubles); C (anti-scurvy); D (bone-building); and E (specially beneficial to children).

12,000,000 A Year

Dr. Norman Jolliffe, who has collaborated in making the tablets, said that the British Ministry of Health had welcomed the formula. It is hoped to ship 12,000,000 or more tablets a year, says Reuter, for distribution in shelters, communal feeding centres and factories and to evacuated children.

HEAVY RAID ON MALTA

Two separate waves of enemy aircraft heavily raided Malta on Saturday night.

Bombs were dropped indiscriminately, damaging civilian and Government property.

Two German bombers were brought down for certain and a third damaged.

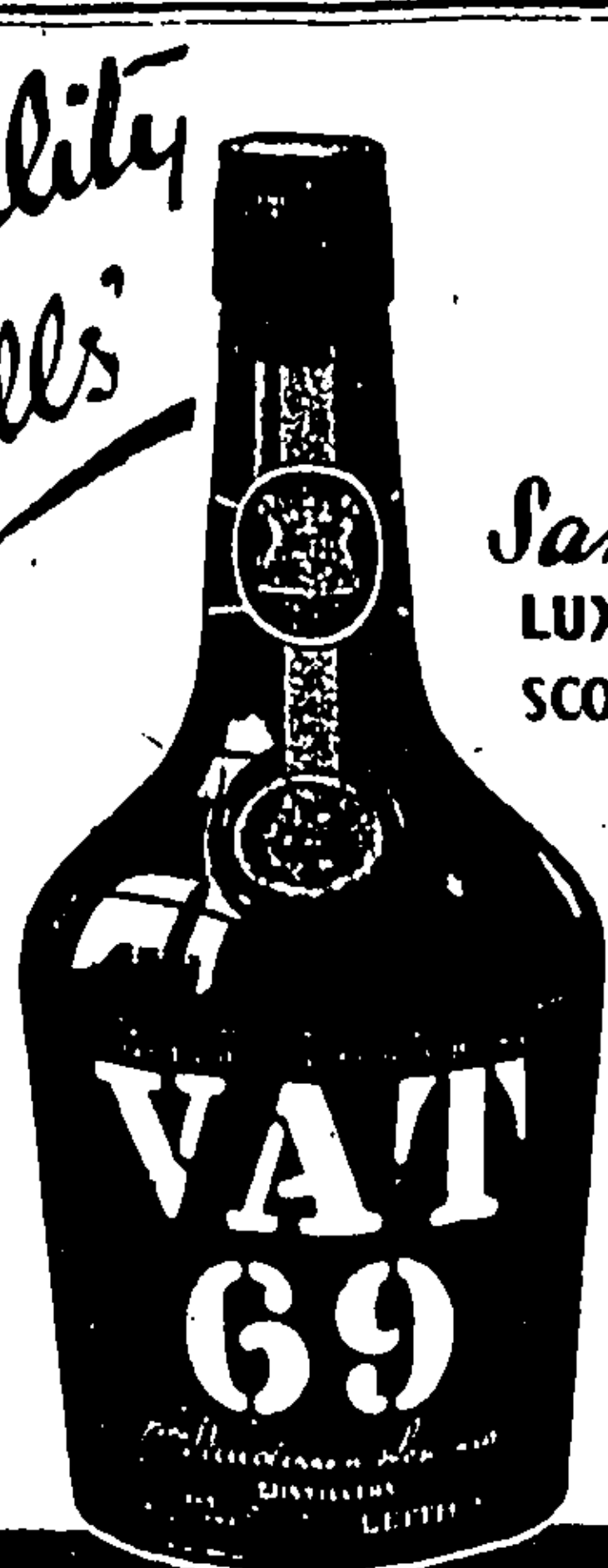
A few people were killed and a few seriously injured. — Reuter.

CONDUIT ROAD ROBBERY

Mrs. M. W. Turnbull, of No. 4, Conduit Road, has reported the theft of a brown suit case valued at \$25, from the roof of her house, between noon and 1 p.m. yesterday.

FIGHTING PEERS BEAT M.P.S

A White Paper shows that 166 members of the House of Lords and 116 of the House of Commons are serving in the Forces.



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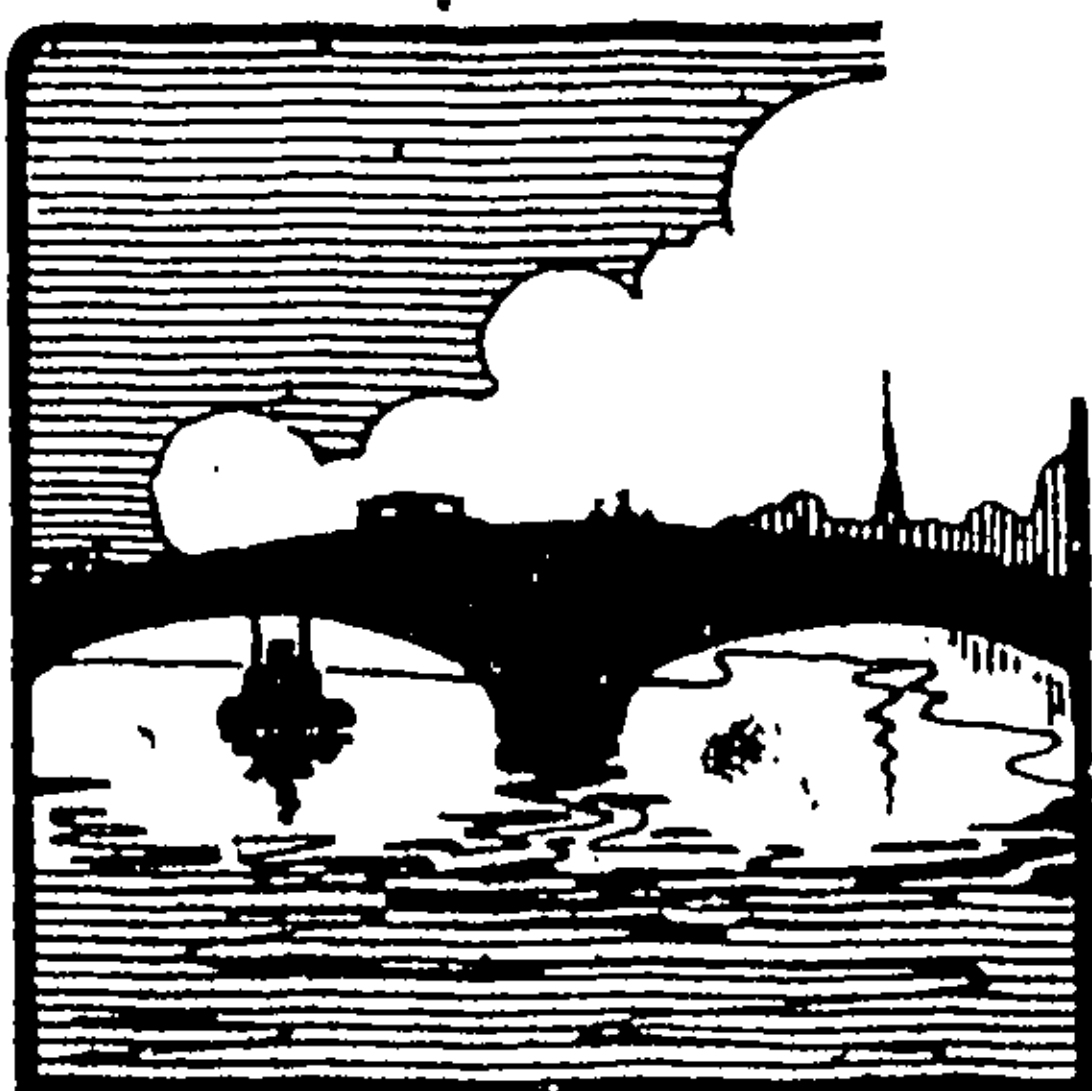
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ENVOY'S BID FOR NAVY

Mr. George Earle, the United States Minister to Bulgaria, whose scrap with Germans in a cafe over the British Tommies' tune "Tipperary" recently caused an international stir, has asked President Roosevelt to permit him to resign so that he could volunteer for the British Navy, reports the "New York Post."

Earle served with distinction in the American Navy during the last war as commander of a submarine chaser.

AMERICA'S SHIPPING EFFORT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

WASHINGTON EXPERTS DECLARE THAT 1,000,000 TONS OF SHIPPING, HALF OF WHAT PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT ORDERED, WILL BE AVAILABLE WITHIN A MONTH, FOUR MONTHS BEFORE SCHEDULE.

The Administration is to speed action in the House of Representatives to-day of the Bill to bring 500,000 tons of foreign shipping under immediate American jurisdiction. The Bill will probably be passed in three weeks.—International News Service.

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SIGNIFICANCE IN ROOSEVELT PHRASE?

SPEAKING AT THE DEDICATION OF WOODROW WILSON'S BIRTHPLACE AT STAUNTON, VIRGINIA, AS A NATIONAL SHRINE YESTERDAY, PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT DECLARED THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAD FOUGHT BEFORE AND WERE "EVER READY TO FIGHT AGAIN" FOR THE EXISTENCE OF "DEMOCRACY IN THE WORLD."

The President said Woodrow Wilson taught that Democracy could not survive in isolation. "We applaud his judgment and his faith," the President added.

Declaring the Manse where Woodrow Wilson was born "a new shrine of freedom," President Roosevelt said that by the act of dedication "we are bearing true witness to the faith that is in us, a simple faith in the freedom of Democracy in the world.

"It is the kind of faith for which we have fought before and for the existence of which we are ever ready to fight again."

President Roosevelt expressed faith that Democracy would emerge triumphant from the "tragical conflict which the world witnesses to-day."

ALL RECORDED HISTORY BEARS WITNESS THAT THE HUMAN RACE HAS MADE TRUE ADVANCEMENT ONLY AS IT HAS APPRECIATED HUMAN VALUES.

Destiny Of Sword

"Those unhappy peoples who have placed their sole reliance on the sword have inevitably perished by the sword in the end."

"Physical strength can never permanently withstand the im-

part of spiritual force."

Lord and Lady Halifax, Mr. and Mrs. Cordell Hull and Mrs. Woodrow Wilson were among the large gathering who applauded strongly when President Roosevelt notified the world that the United States was "ever ready to fight again."

Further cheers greeted the President's declaration that those relying on the sword would perish by it.

Eulogy

The remainder of the President's speech was devoted to an eulogy of Woodrow Wilson as a statesman who tried to bring nearer the day of "emancipation of conscience from power and the substitution of freedom in the government of the world."—Reuter.

CAT IS RAIL TRAVELLER

"Pussy-cat, pussy-cat, where have you been...?"

Panda, black and white pet cat of Miss Alice Edmonds, couldn't tell you where he's been, though he's been most places.

He wants to see the world and is probably England's most widely travelled cat.

His mistress, a schoolteacher near Woodborough, Wilts, travels by train from there to Newbury, Berks, and back once, or sometimes twice, a week.

And Panda accompanies her. If she tries to leave him behind he follows her to the station.

When not on a train he's generally to be seen peeping out of the basket on Miss Edmonds's bicycle.

Wears A Collar

Getting ready for a journey is his star turn. He'll carry his own rug downstairs to be packed and sit on his mistress's suitcase until it is time to leave.

He wears a collar and lead and will follow like a dog.

Stationmasters and porters all know him, and once on the train Panda is sure to find a corner seat where he sits up and looks out of the window.

"Panda is a most amazing cat. Almost human," Miss Edmonds's sister, who lives at Newbury, told me.

"He once followed my sister to school, but he must have been disappointed when he found there wasn't a journey the other end. He didn't stay and he never followed her there again."

TINKER TAILOR—

Almost everyone to-day knows that for air raid warning purposes the British Isles are divided into numerous sections.

Many know, too, that the instructions for sounding the sirens in these areas—in Brighton or Bodmin, Bangor or Berwick—go out from the Headquarters of Fighter Command. But few know that the men in that headquarters who sift the Observer Corps' reports form an amazing cross-section of peace-time life.

One morning among the men whose job it is to know whether the approaching machine is hostile, there may be a barrister; in the afternoon an artist; at night a journalist; next day there may be an actor, an engineer, the son of a famous England cricketer, a broker, a shopkeeper, a scientist, a mathematician, an economist, a commercial traveller, a car salesman, a factory owner or a famous sportsman.

Some of them were young Royal Air Force officers in the last war, at the end of which they were faced with the problem of forging a new career for themselves. They soon forgot their wings and their ribbons, and with the same spirit with which they had tackled the Boche of 1914-18 they tackled that by no means easy task.

In the many different avenues into which design or chance guided their footsteps they met with varying degrees of success. But the danger signal which followed Munich sent them flocking to the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, once more offering their services to the country.

They knew, of course, that their actual flying days were over, yet in their new sphere they are performing duties none the less vital.

GERMANS GUN LIGHTHOUSE

Lighthouse keepers in the Pentland Firth waved when they saw a bomber flying towards them. They thought it was British.

But the 'plane, a German, machine-gunned the lighthouse, smashing glass and doing internal damage.

The keepers dived for cover. Their children, who were playing in the open, ran to an old quarry for shelter.

SUCH A NATION CANNOT DIE

CANADIAN M.P.S CHEERED AND THUMPED THEIR DESKS WHEN MR. LAPOINTE, MINISTER OF JUSTICE, SAID:

"The world admires Britain. "We admire above all the millions of long-suffering men, women and children who could end the war by surrender if they brought pressure on their Government, but who refuse."

"Such a nation is a great nation. It cannot die, cannot lose."

"We will try to be worthy of that splendid people and great nation, and will not fail her in her hour of trial." — Reuter.

UNCLAIMED TINS OF PETROL

An application for confiscation of 70 tins of gasoline was granted by Major A. N. Macfadyen at the Central Magistracy this morning. It was stated that the gasoline was found, unclaimed, at Chung Hom Wan, Repulse Bay, by Mr. K. A. Bidmead on Saturday.

THEY MET IN RUINS

The Ancient Fellowship and Company of Cappers and Felt Makers, one of the oldest guilds in Coventry, held its annual meeting in the ruined Cappers Chapel of bombed Coventry Cathedral thus maintaining an unbroken series of annual meetings there for nearly 500 years.

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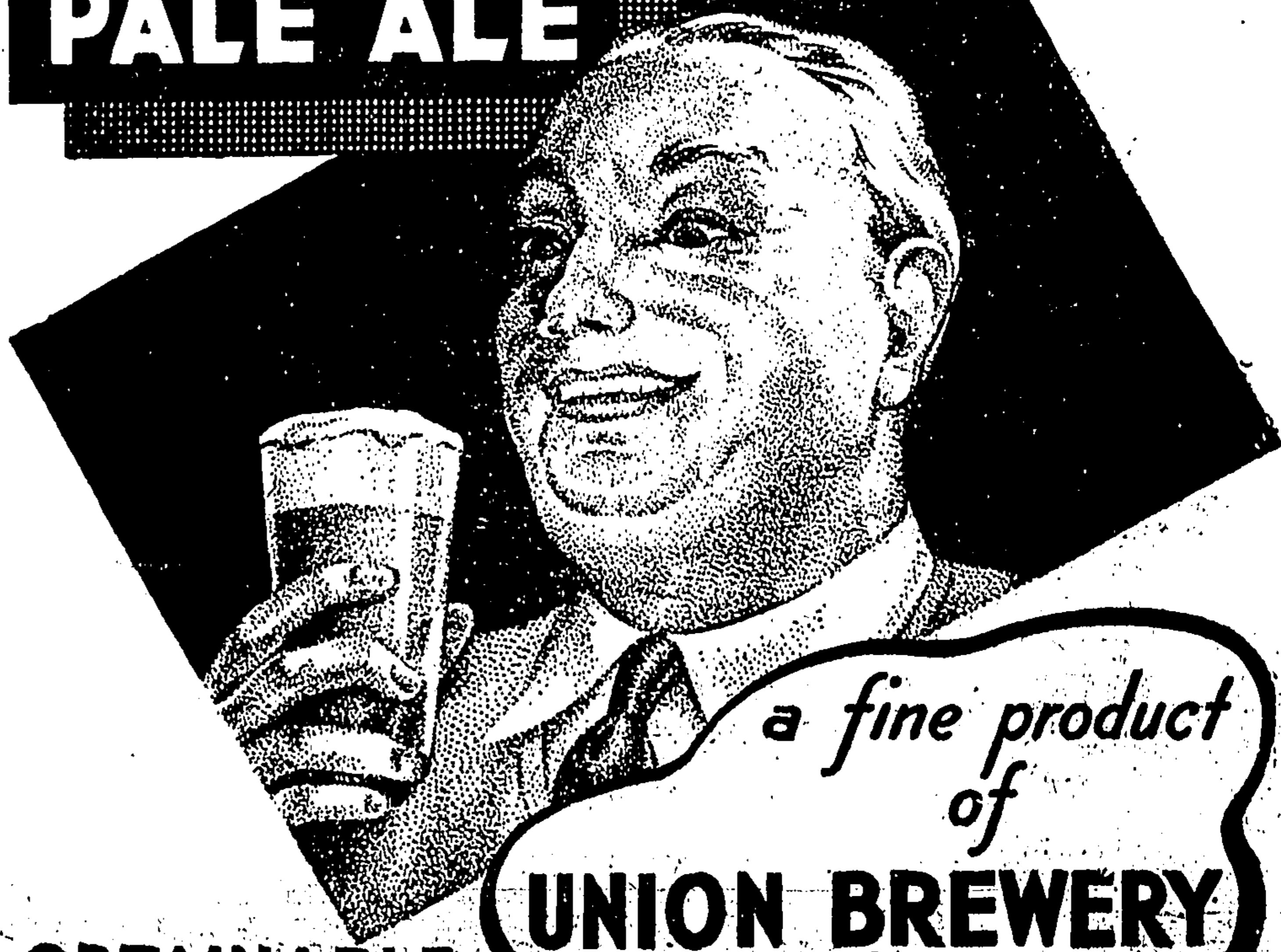
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Notice To Shareholders

The SEVENTY-SECOND ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on WEDNESDAY, the 21st May, 1941, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1940.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 7th May to the 21st May, 1941, both days inclusive.

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The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

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The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

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BRIDGE NOTES

BRIDGE SWINDLES —

NO. 37

By The Four Aces

South really shouldn't have gotten away with the swindle in today's hand, but the fact that he did make his contract even under the most unfavourable conditions shows how important it is to be on the lookout for deceptive plays.

South, Dealer
North-South vulnerable

♠ K Q
♥ Q J 8 7 3
♦ 6 2
♣ 7 6 4 2

♠ J 9 6 2
♥ 10 9 5 4
♦ J 10 9
♣ 10 3

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W
E
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♠ A 7 5
♥ A 6 2
♦ Q 8 7 4
♣ 3

♠ 10 8 4 3
♥ K
♦ A K 6
♣ A K Q J 8

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

West made the "killing" opening lead of the Jack of diamonds.

South thought for a few seconds before he played a card from the dummy. He could run five clubs and two diamonds, and hence needed two additional tricks to make his contract. But getting those tricks would not be easy if the enemy were on their toes.

In order to win two tricks he would have to lead both spades and hearts, giving the opponents two chances to lead. One of those chances would allow them to knock out the second stopper in diamonds; the other chance would allow them to run the diamonds. If each opponent had four diamonds, no harm would come of it; but otherwise, South would be pretty sure to lose three diamonds, and two aces.

It took South only a few seconds to see his danger, and even less time than that to find a way out of his troubles. He simply won the first diamond trick and led the King of hearts.

East should have known better, but decided to hold up his heart Ace in the hope of shutting out dummy's heart suit. Then South knocked out the spade Ace and took his nine tricks before the opponents could find out what had hit them.

Saturday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ 10 7
♥ A 9
♦ Q 10 5 3
♣ A Q J 7 4

The bidding:

Male	Jacoby	Schenken	You
1♥	1♠	Pass	(7)

ANSWER: Bid two clubs. Game is unlikely unless your partner can find another constructive bid. If you bid two notrump, and your partner bids three spades, you will not be sure whether he is trying to reach game or trying to wriggle out of a dangerous notrump contract.

Question No. 707

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Male	Jacoby	Schenken	You
1♥	1♠	Pass	2♣
2♦	3♣	Pass	

What do you bid? (1A tomorrow.)

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GIFT RUGS AS PRAYER CARPETS

Rugs given for Indian soldiers in Britain and sent by the Army Comforts Depot at Reading to men at the Indian General Hospital have been used as prayer carpets when not large enough to cover beds.

SOLDIER TAUGHT STAR TO BE HIS DOUBLE

(By A Special Correspondent)

BESIDE THE FILM set of a trapper's hut in the Arctic Circle a young French-Canadian soldier in uniform watched his pupil — film star Laurence Olivier — with pride.

He had reason. For he was seeing Laurence Olivier play the final scene of the role of trapper and fur trader in which the French-Canadian soldier had coached him. The soldier is Corporal Tony Onraet, whose home is at Tuk Tuk, Eskimo village in the Arctic Circle.

The film in which the soldier was technical adviser, is "49th Parallel," a boost-Britain film to the cost of which the Ministry of Information advanced £22,086 of public money.

Its propaganda value is that it tells dramatically of how Canadians, not of British birth, rallied to the British cause when war came.

The story deals with the adventures of a German submarine crew wrecked on the Canadian coast and of their attempts to make their way over the 49th Parallel—the frontier line between Canada and the United States.

The company secured the loan of Onraet as technical adviser, and he left camp to live at Denham Studios, Bucks.

Now he's done his job, and it's back to camp for him.

And is he sorry? For these weeks in the make-believe life of the studios have been more thrilling than any real life.

Land Of No Night

"I'm a trapper in peace-time," he said. "In winter I trap anything that has a dollar in it—foxes, wolves, wolverines and grizzly and polar bears. I trade with the Eskimos and the Indians."

"In summer I prospect for gold and radium."

"Often times I go nine months without seeing a white man. In summer it's the land of no night. The sun never sets, so there's no regular bedtime. I just go to sleep when I get to feeling tired."

"Life was going on smooth until one day I heard on a radio that war had started. Well, sir, I just left everything, pulled out right away to join up. I travelled 1,400 miles by boat and flew the rest to Edmonton. I was travelling thirty-four days."

"This film job was a lot of fun. You should see my fan mail! The girls want to know what I look like."

"I had to teach Olivier how to shape his mouth to speak French-Canadian, and tell him how they dress; even how they cut their tobacco and fill their pipes. I suggested a little song they sing. It's in the film."

I said to Laurence Olivier, after the scene, "Your tutor has given you an excellent school report." Olivier laughed. "He was certainly a great help."



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"BOMB LARK" —NEW FRAUD

The "bomb lark" fraud, by which assistance boards have been cheated of thousands of pounds, was described at the Old Bailey.

Seven men pleaded guilty to obtaining or attempting to obtain money by false pretences.

A detective said it became known that thieves in Brixton possessed a considerable sum of money and inquiries showed that thousands of pounds had been obtained.

Prosecuting counsel described the "bomb lark." The trickster goes to an assistance board, declares that he has lost his furniture and clothes as the result of his home having been bombed, and claims money for immediate relief.

"19 Applications"

Walter Hendy, forty-nine, engineer, stated to have made nineteen false applications, was sentenced to three years' penal servitude.

Other sentences were:— Alfred Gregory, twenty-four, engineer; William Charles Holmes, twenty-four, clerk; eighteen months' imprisonment each;

Arthur Thompson, thirty-nine, baker, fifteen months; John Lobbey, thirty-three, shunter, twelve months.

Sentence on two other men, Leonard Bird, eighteen, printer's assistant, and William Tatnell, twenty-one, labourer, was postponed.

ONLY SIX STROKES—SORRY

Crewe magistrates said they were sorry that they could order only six strokes of the birch.

They passed this sentence on three boys, aged from twelve to fifteen.

Two of the three were summoned for stealing collecting boxes — one a box for the blind — and the third for receiving some of the stolen money.

A Woman's Praise For Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

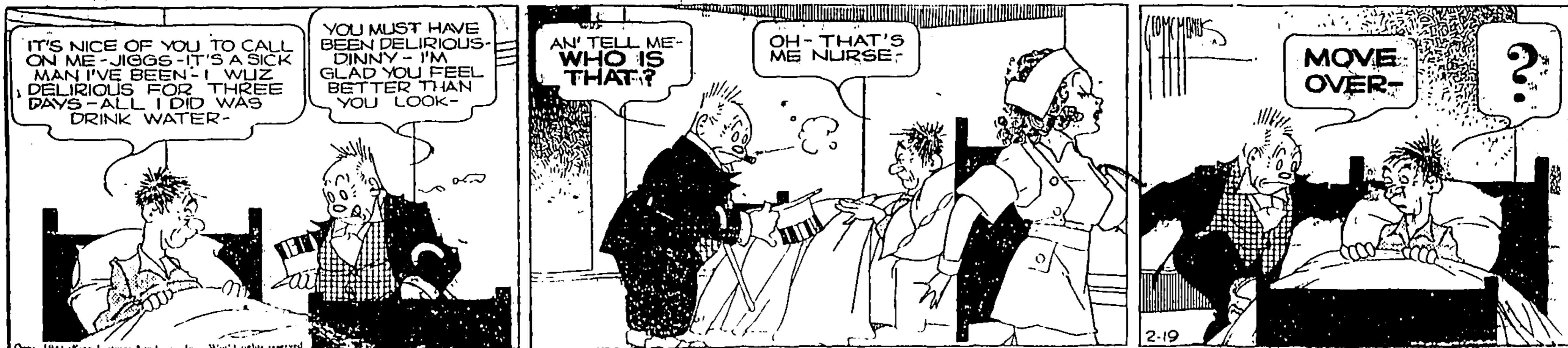
"I wish from my heart I could persuade every person who is run down to give Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a trial," writes Mrs. Louie Mitchell of Oak Point, Manitoba, Canada.

"I was suffering from a very run down system. Any little exertion would cause my legs to tremble and my heart to throb violently and I quickly became exhausted. Then I began taking Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and after a short course of these pills I am now as well, and strong as ever."

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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN Persevere To Be Lovely

Facial and physical beauty as we know it to-day, are not accidental. They are acquired through loyalty to a health-giving schedule and to certain external, regular administrations. All of which means, if a woman will persevere she can be lovely.

If you see a slim beauty, whose figure is the rave of the bench lollers, you can bet your boots she doesn't eat banana splits between meals, a half pound of chocolates while reading a magazine, or second helpings of rich foods!

If you see a woman with an exquisite complexion and firm facial contour, you need not ask her what creams she uses! It's ten to one she rests from eight to ten hours most nights, exercises either in her home or out of doors daily, and eats very well balanced menus. She may use a cream for cleansing and one for softening, or if she plays considerably under the sun, a cream for protection. But you might be surprised to discover that her skin beauty is guarded by a certain good soap and only one jar of cream! Skin beauty comes from within - all the cosmetics in the world cannot create a translucent texture! But certain cosmetics, if they are intelligently chosen, do protect one's skin from ravages of the elements, and may enhance its beauty.

If you come face to face with a woman whose charm overwhelms you (and your favourite man, too) be assured that lady has spent much effort in modulating her voice, studying mannerisms which are attractive, analysing humans to discover what pleases them and what displeases them, and getting control of herself in every way. A well poised, charming woman is the product of much self training - she decided to go out and conquer and she prepared herself in every way so she might conquer.

She immediately conquers you when you speak with her and she can conquer any other person she chooses. She is not a snob, or she couldn't be charming. Charm



FRANCIA WHITE, popular songbird of radio, is one girl who refused to be kept in the shadow. She determined on success and loveliness, worked for them and got them!

is a warm, genuine characteristic which is acquired only through determination. It always gives

me a thrill when a very charming woman confesses to me that in her youth she was plain looking and extremely shy. Then I realise just now much any woman can do for herself if she has the will-power to persevere!

So if you have any inhibitions throw them off. Realise that you can adopt a schedule which, if held to diligently, will make you a desired beauty. You needn't have the measurements of Venus nor the face of Snow White - simply make the most of yourself in every way. Determine to be lovely and work for it!

lifted bustline should rehearse this exercise every day.

Correct Shoulder Posture

Your shoulders want to be held in correct position, you know, and if you don't believe it, follow these directions and sense the relief from fatigue you feel.

Stand up in stocking feet. Pull your abdomen in and up consciously. Tuck under your buttocks as if someone came along and spanked you smartly. Then endeavour to "broaden" your shoulders. This is done by pushing back your head, then your shoulders and dropping them at least an inch. Hunched up shoulders indicate poor posture and nervousness. Don't hunch yours. Standing in this good posture you will feel fatigue leave your body. Hold the position as you inhale through your nose slowly, and exhale through your lips, ten times!

After this remember to stand and walk with your shoulders in that position and your tummy held in!

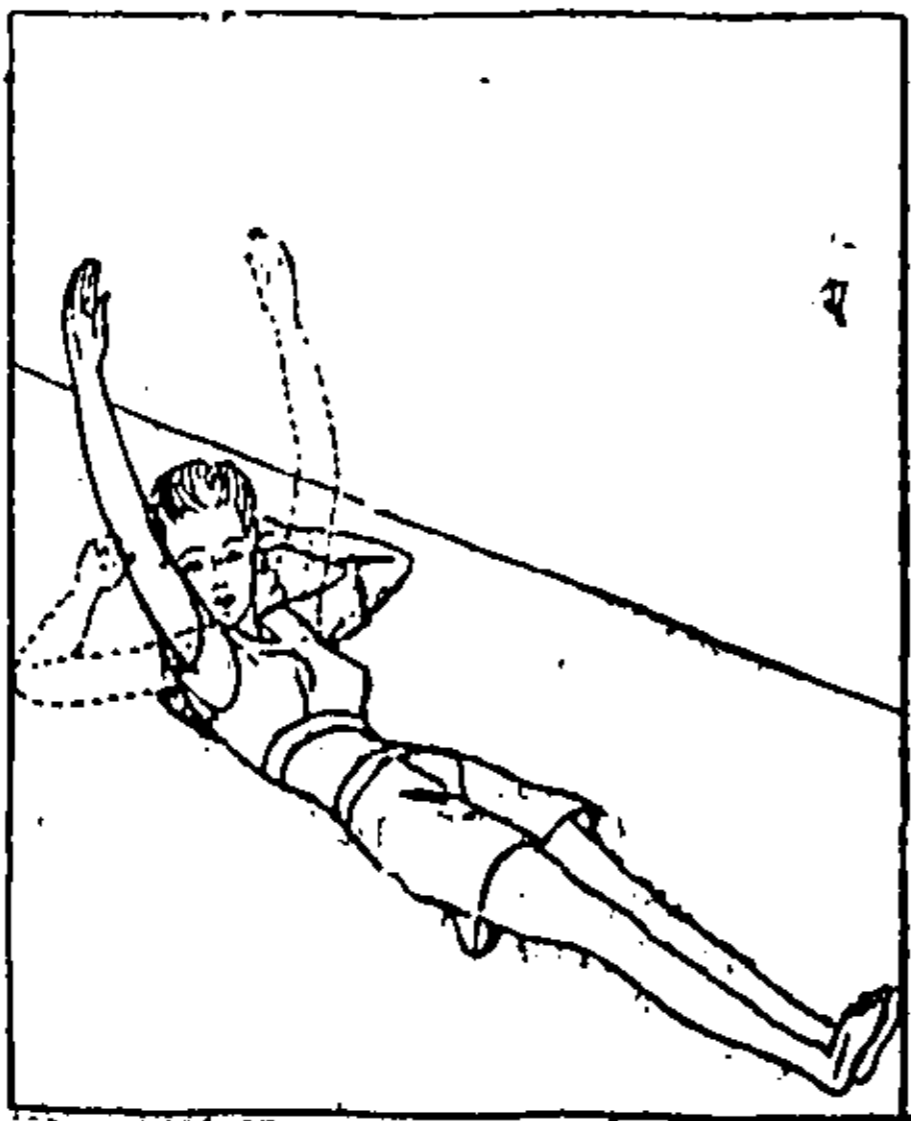
Stretch Away Winter Shoulder

Unless you do get out of doors to exercise, the chances are your shoulder muscles are pretty much in need of a little stretching. The aches you feel in them, now and again, isn't cold or rheumatism—it is simply muscle tenseness.

Get down on the floor this minute and go through this exercise. Lie stretched out with legs together. Now - keeping the lower party of your body very steady - raise your right arm and twist the upper part of your body far to the left. Your left arm is relaxed on the floor, elbow bent. (See sketch). THE TWIST IS AT YOUR WAISTLINE - YOUR HIPS DO NOT BUDGE OFF THE FLOOR! You should feel a soothing stretch from your neck down the right side of your back to your lower spine. After stretching slowly and far to the left five times, reverse arm positions and stretch far to the right.

Follow With These

Now sit up on the floor, legs together, and place fingers on shoulders. Keep elbows high and press them back and down - your shoulder-blades are thus pressed together. Press them together more. Bring elbows back



This waist-twisting relieves shoulder pains.

to position, relax and repeat five times.

Now, place fingers on shoulders again. This time push elbows in a circle - back and down, forward and up. Go clockwise ten times, then counter clockwise ten times. This is splendid for firming the pectoral muscles, too, so those of you who desire an un-

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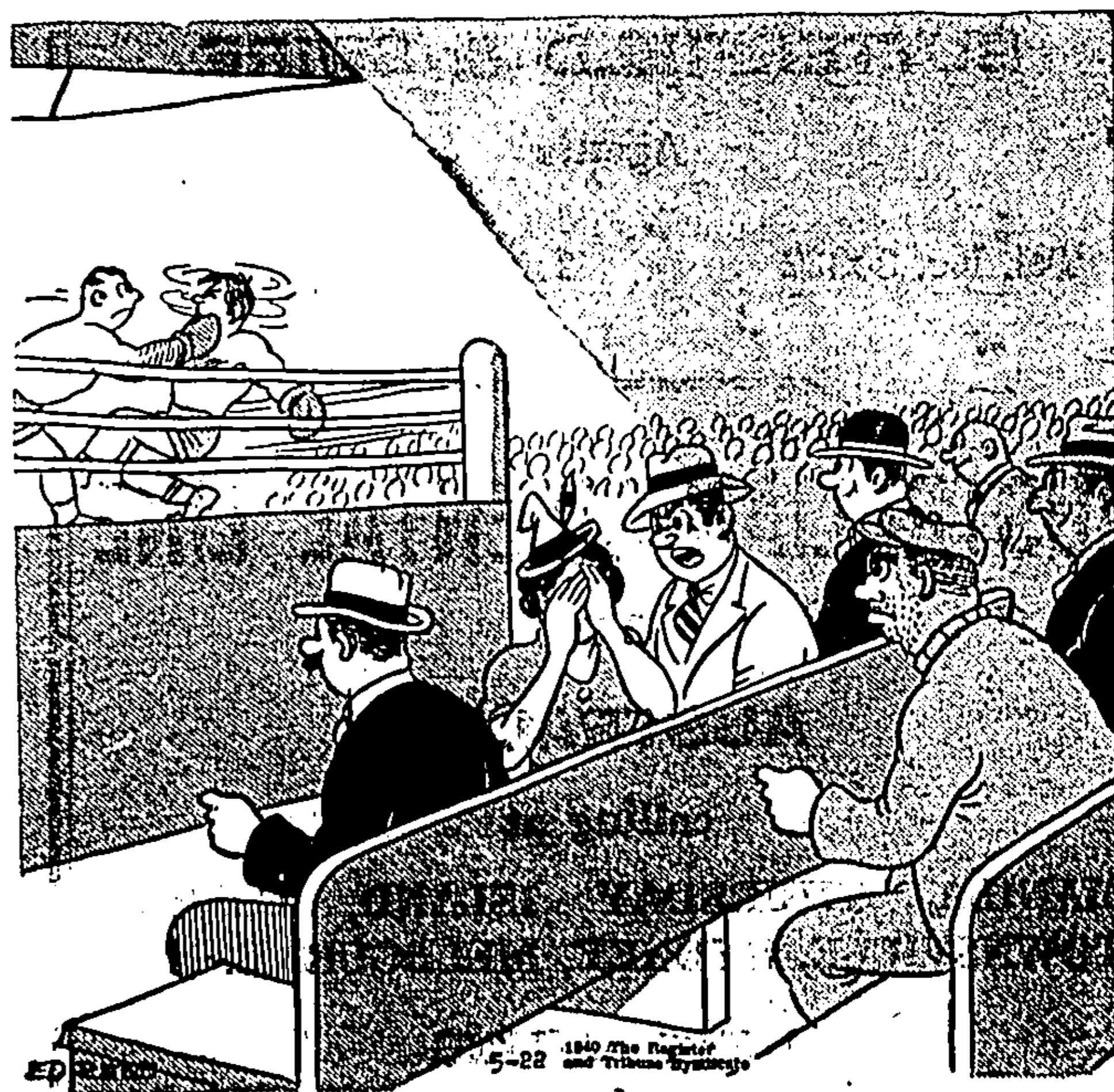
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Fritz Kreisler (Violin) and the State Opera Orchestra.
7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
7.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour."
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Pau Casals (Cello) with piano.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.
8.02 p.m.—This week's programmes.
8.05 p.m.—Emil Roesz and his Orch.
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Valentina (Wright-Dunn).
Moorish March (Mohr).
8.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Hi, Gang!"
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentary.
9.15 p.m.—Charlie Kunz at the Piano and the Mills Brothers.
Vocal—Sleepy Head (film "Operator 13").
Put on your Old Grey Bonnet (Murphy and Wenrich).
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Piano—Kunz Revivals No. 2.
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Vocal—Funiculi Funicula (Denza).
Asleep in the Deep (Petrie, Lamb).
The Mills Brothers.
9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave Only).
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Farmyard Waltz (Folk Tune).
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Nullo Romani and His Orch.
10.00 p.m.—London Relay—"News from Home" by Howard Marshall.
10.15 p.m.—New Dance Music with Variety.
Fox-Trots—Oh! Look at me now. You might have belonged to another.
Tommy Dorsey and his Orch.

TO PROBE M.P.S' JOBS

The Government is to set up a Select Committee to investigate the question of paid appointments held by M.P.s.

The investigation would meet some of the criticisms levelled by M.P.s of all parties at the Government Bill that proposes that M.P.s who accept paid offices at home or abroad shall keep their seats in Parliament. The Government will ask the House of Commons to pass the Bill so that immediate difficulties can be overcome.

The measure would enable Mr. Malcolm MacDonald to go to Canada as British High Commissioner without vacating his seat, and it would also establish the position of several M.P.s who are already holding war offices.

Labour M.P.s' Revolt

The Parliamentary Labour Party at a private meeting discussed the Bill for an hour—it was the second meeting they had had about it.

It was decided to let the M.P.s have an unrestricted vote when the Bill comes before the House and not to put the Party Whips on.

This decision was surprising in view of the fact that Mr. Attlee, the leader of the Parliamentary Labour Party, had at an earlier private meeting given reasons why the Socialist M.P.s should support the Bill.

Vocal—A Little Old Church in England (Irving Berlin).
Barry Wood (Baritone) with Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—Jenny (film "Lady in the Dark").
This is New (film "Lady in the Dark").
Leo Reisman and His Orchestra.
Vocal—I Can't Love You Any More (Magidson, Wrubel).
Imagination (Van Heusen).
Bebe Daniels w. Orch.
Fox-Trots—What Makes a Song.
The Last Time I Saw Paris.
Leo Reisman and His Orch.
Vocal—America, I Love You (Leslie-Gottler).
Barry Wood (Baritone) w. Orch.
Waltz—Down the Gypsy Trail (from the film).
Swing and Sway with Sammy Kaye.
Vocal and Piano—Sweet Little Sweetheart (McIntire and Allgire).
Turner Layton.
Fox-Trots—Sunset at Sea.
That's My Way of Saying I Love You.
Swing and Sway with Sammy Kaye.
11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

HELL'S CORNER THANKS R.A.F.

To the Air Officer Commanding a group of Fighter Command which is partly responsible for the defence of South-East England there came recently the following letter. It was sent by a resident of a village in Kent:—

"The people of this little battered village, somewhere about the middle of 'Hell's Corner', would like to express their grateful and heartfelt thanks for the busy roaring of your Spitfires and Hurricanes' engines during these latter days.

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"The phrase 'Never has so much been owed by so many to so few' takes on a newer, and truer significance.

"This letter is a very halting effort to convey our village's feeling of gratitude for a job that is being so well done."

SAVED FROM THE SAUSAGE MACHINE

The R.A.F. has discovered a new way of providing roast pork, even more elaborate than that recorded by Charles Lamb, of burning the house down and the pig with it. But since it was the Germans who paid, and the inhabitants of occupied France who got the pork, there is something to be said for it.

A month or two ago the Germans went round a district of Northern France collecting every pig they could lay their hands on, and naturally without paying any attention to the needs of the French. They loaded the pigs on to a cargo ship of some five thousand tons, and set sail for Germany. They must have congratulated themselves that now at last there would be some of their beloved sausages in Germany.

But the ship had scarcely put out of harbour and begun to creep cautiously along the coast before the R.A.F. took a hand.

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ALLEGED BREACH OF CONTRACT: TEA FIRM SUED

A CASE ALLEGING breach of contract, in which Min Cheong Hong, of No. 128, Belchers Street, were plaintiffs, and the Fu Hua Trading Company of No. 33, Praya, Kennedy Town, defendants, was opened before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Supreme Court this morning.

Plaintiffs were represented by Mr. E. Don Potter, K.C., and Mr. T. F. Lo, instructed by Mr. C. Y. Kwan, while defendants were represented by the Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada, instructed by Mr. P. H. Sin.

The claim was for damages for a breach of contract in writing of June 15, 1939, whereby defendants agreed to deliver to plaintiffs certain tea boxes for repair at the price of 4.5 cents per box. In the statement of claim, plaintiffs stated that they were contractors and that defendants were importers and exporters of tea. By the contract, defendants agreed to deliver to plaintiffs for repair all tea boxes imported to Hong Kong in the custody or under the order or control of defendants. The agreement was for one year.

The breach of contract alleged was that defendants had not delivered the boxes and had employed others to repair the same, and had refused to make to plaintiffs the monthly payments as provided by the contract.

Defendants, in their statement of defence, deny that plaintiffs are contractors and say that they are a division of the Foreign Trade Commission of the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of China. They deny that they ever

agreed to deliver all tea boxes imported to Hong Kong and under their control. They deny any breach of contract.

Defendants further stated that one of the clauses was for delivery of the boxes only during the 28th fiscal Chinese year i.e. 1939, which was done. They deny any liability.

Defendants claim that on September 19, plaintiffs and defendants agreed to vary the contract by reducing the number of boxes to be repaired, by payment to the plaintiffs of \$1,249.98 with a requirement that plaintiff employ only 40 workmen from Shanghai.

Defendants allege breach of contract by plaintiff, in that on March 28, 1940 they withdrew their workmen and refused to let them work, that they failed to perform the said contract and had repudiated same.

Defendant counter-claimed for \$904.67, the difference between the amount paid for 60 workmen and the contract price with plaintiffs.

Case is proceeding.

A single case of cholera occurred over the week-end, in addition to 40 cases of tuberculosis, seven of dysentery, five of enteric fever, and one each of diphtheria and measles.

NINE MONTHS A "WIDOW"

After thinking herself a widow for nine months and drawing a widow's pension, Mrs. Laura Bevan, of Weaver Road, Uttroxteter, Staffs, has heard from the War Office that her husband, Sergeant Charles Bevan, D.C.M., of the Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, is alive.

Sergeant Bevan, who last June was reported killed in action, was "posthumously" awarded the D.C.M. for gallantry in the field while fighting in France. He is in France now.

Mrs. Bevan has a daughter, June, aged three.

At her home Mrs. Bevan said:—"On the day that my husband was reported killed I sat in this room and saw him in a vision. He stood at the window smiling."

"I rushed out of the house and told my neighbours. From that moment I was sure that he was safe."

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SOUTH CHINA LUCKY TO DRAW WITH MIDDLESEX

Parker And Riches Make Welcome Return

Hsu King-sing Is Seen On Left Wing

AT CAROLINE HILL yesterday, Middlesex were forced to a 3-all draw by South China, after being at one time three clear goals in the lead.

South China used this game to give an opportunity to several of their players to play in unaccustomed positions. Hsu King-sing was seen on the left wing while Lee Kwok-wai was on the right wing.

Middlesex played good football in the first half and were all over the Chinese, who showed little combination, particularly in the forward line.

Bright was again a tower of strength at centre half and he was well supported by Parker, who made a return to soccer after a long absence, and Thomas. Behind them Sheehan and Riches were two safe backs.

In the forward line Pearson and Saw were always dangerous. Both wingers, Marrable, on the left, and Coomber on the right, sent over good centres during the game.

Disjointed Forwards

With a disjointed forward line, South China were on the defensive for a considerable time and only the good work of Tsang Chung-wan and Tse Kam-hung prevented Middlesex from obtaining a bigger lead.

Hsu King-sing played hard on the left-wing but he was not given the right type of passes. In the centre, Lee Tak-kee was often beaten for possession by Bright.

The game started tamely with Middlesex doing all the attacking and it was not long before they were three goals in the lead through Pearson (2) and Coomber. South China reduced the lead before the interval through Lee Tak-kee.

In the second half Lee Tak-kee again scored and before time Hsu King-sing equalised for South China.

MIDDLESEX: Jackson; Sheehan; Riches; Parker, Bright, Thomas; Coomber, Tate, Pearson, Saw and Marrable.

SOUTH CHINA: Tsang Pui-fook; Lee Kwok-wai, Tse Kam-hung; Lau Hing-choi, Lam Tak-po, Lo Wai-kuen; Tsang Chung-wan, Lau Chung-sang, Lee Tak-kee, Hsu King-sing and Lee Shek-yau.

AN ATHLETIC CHALLENGE

Combined Royal Artillery have challenged Combined Middlesex Regiment and 5/7th Rajput Regt. to an athletic meeting at Shamshuipo on May 8.

Tommy Castilho, St. Joseph's footballer, has of late been putting in a good deal of time at tennis at the Post Office Sports Club, Caroline Hill.



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VOLUNTEER SERGTS' BOWLS WIN

At Cox's Road yesterday, a team representing Sergeants' Mess, Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, defeated Kowloon Cricket Club by 10 shots in a friendly lawn bowls match.

Fincher was leading Meyer 16-7 but the latter scored 11-10-0-3-1 to reduce the eventual deficit to four.

Down 8-13 to Madar, Silva scored a four to get to within striking distance but Madar finished strongly with 2-3 to win by four shots.

Labrum finished off very strongly against Rakusen and, after being 10-22 down at the 18th end, scored 1-5-2 to finish four down.

Fraser started off with 2-6 against Sherriff but the latter came back with 4-6, eighteen shots thus being scored on the first four ends. Sherriff thereafter was never in any difficulty and finished 26-17.

Meadows was always trailing Walker prior to the tea-interval but a good patch afterwards enabled him to level at 12-all. Walker was not to be denied, however, and 1-3-5 gave him a commanding lead that Meadows was able to reduce with 1-3 on the last two ends, to finish 16-21.

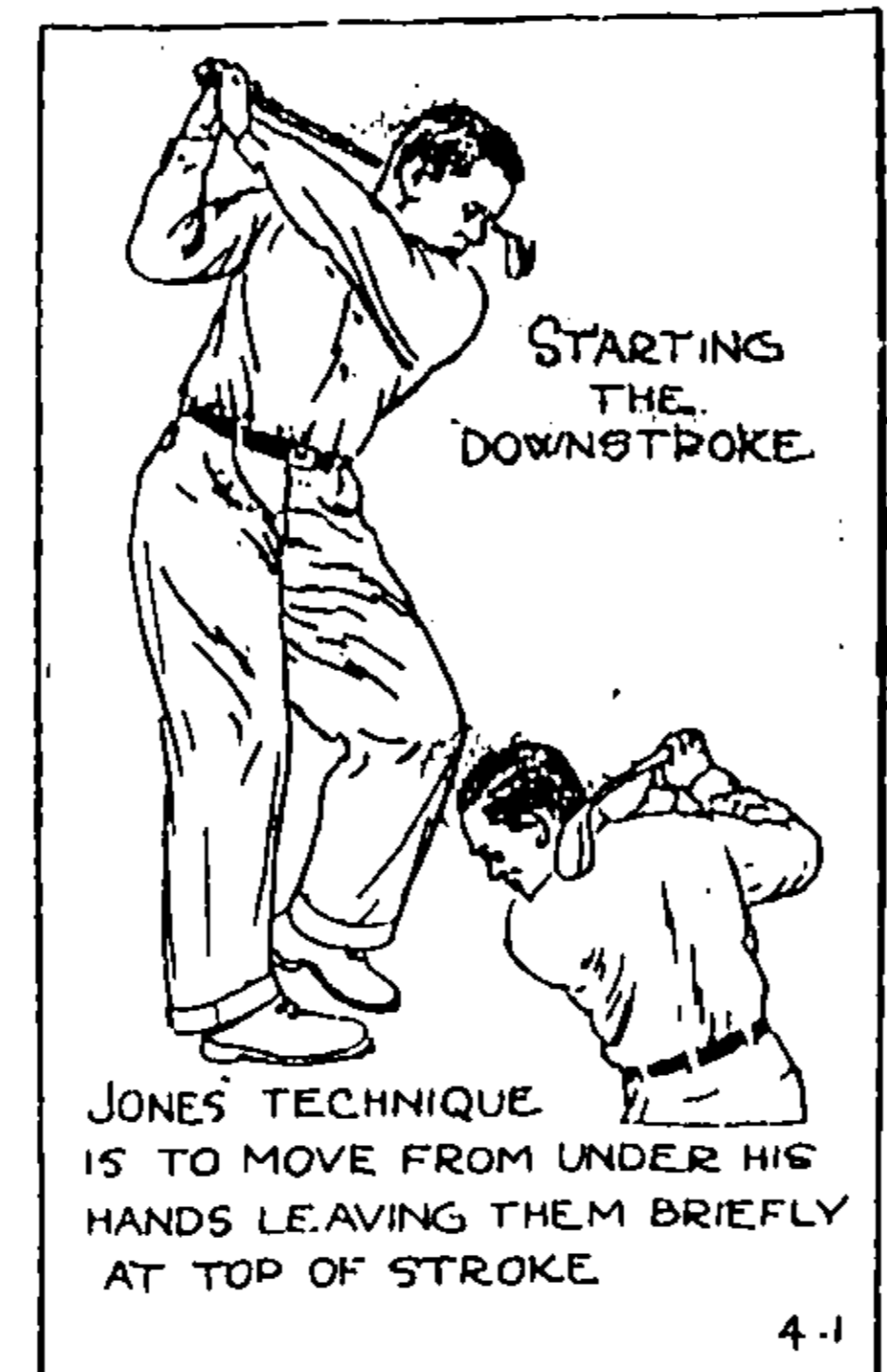
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A. H. Martin	Sgt. J. D.
W. W. Parsons	Sgt. J. C.
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H. Langley	C.Q.M.S. Leigh
A. W. Smith	Sgt. Lockhart
V. C. Labrum	Sgt. Rakusen
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E. Curtis	Sgt. Muskett
A. J. Kev	Sgt. Carr
J. Fraser	Sgt. Sherriff
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C. W. Jeffries	P/M. Mackie
N. A. E. Mackay	Sgt. Steven
R. S. Meadows	B.S.M. Walker
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Totals	86 96

NEW AID TO BADMINTON?

Interest in badminton in Hong Kong has never been higher than it is at the moment. This, no doubt, is due to the high standard that has been attained by our own players as a result of the "importation" of such exponents of the game as Choy Kok Wah and M. P. Young, both of University, and both of whom have figured so prominently in the open championships.

Be that as it may, it is learned from a reliable source that a number of Queen's College old boys are thinking of forming a badminton club, and they are toying with the idea of approaching the school authorities for permission to "reopen" the badminton court in the school's Great Hall. Provided suitable lighting arrangements can be made, this should be one of the best badminton courts in the Colony, having as it must an overhead clearance of well over 40 feet!

GRAPHIC GOLF



DIRECTION CHANGE By Best Ball

It is oftentimes hard to discern where the backswing ceases and the downswing begins in many strokes. Particularly is this true of those golfers who possess a free flowing style of swinging. In other cases, such as Lawson Little's, there is a momentary pause at the top before the direction change is initiated. In a style in which the total movement seems apparent by one motion, it sometimes looks as if the downswing has started before the backswing has been completed. Such of course is not the case. The shift to the left only starts after the backswing has been completed.

Bobby Jones' waving plumelike stroke was patterned along this streamline, one piece style. Yet Jones definitely finished his backward windup before he started his downstroke. Jones started swinging down by moving out from under his hands, leaving them momentarily at the top of the stroke while he started the downswing mechanics underway. The result was that the right arm was brought down into its proper place at the right side and a tendency to preserve the wrist cock until needed.

Next Article:—Keep Weight Forward.

HOME SOCCER RESULTS

The following are the results of Home football matches played last Saturday:

INTERNATIONAL MATCH
Scotland 1, England 3.
The score at half-time was one all.

LONDON CUP
Chelsea 2 Queen's Park Rangers 3; Arsenal 3, Tottenham 3.
FOOTBALL LEAGUE (SOUTH)
Bournemouth 2, Southampton 3; Brighton 4, Watford 2; Luton 2, Portsmouth 1; Norwich 5, Southend 3.

SOUTH REGIONAL LEAGUE
Aldershot 3, Fulham 3; Northampton 5, Millwall 1; Reading 6, West Bromwich 3; Westham 3, Brentford 2.

NORTH REGIONAL LEAGUE
Barnsley 3, Chesterfield 2; Blackpool 1, Manchester City 1; Bradford 3, Rotherham 1; Bury 2, Oldham 3; Halifax 4, Middlesbrough 2; Manchester United 1; Liverpool 1, Newcastle 3; Leeds 2; Preston 1, Blackburn Rovers 0.

REGIONAL MATCHES
Chester 1, Stoke City 0; Doncaster 2, Mansfield Town 1.

MIDLAND CUP FINAL
Leicester City 2, Walsall 0.
LANCASHIRE CUP (SECOND ROUND)
Everton 0, Burnley 2.

After extra time:
SCOTTISH SOUTHERN LEAGUE
Aberdeen 1, Dumbarton 2; Hearts 1, Queen's Park 0; St. Mirren 3, Third Lanark 2.

FRIENDLY MATCHES
Grimsby 4, R.A.F. 2; Rochdale 6, R.A.F. 2.

C.R.C. TENNIS TOURNEY

Following are the latest tennis results in the Chinese Recreation Club annual tennis tournament:

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
Second Round:—Paul Kong beat Tsui Wai-pui, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3.

HANDICAP SINGLES
Third Round:—Chung Yue-wing (plus 15.2/6) beat Tsui Yan-pui (-40), 6-4, 4-6, 6-4.

Siu Tak-cheuk (-30) received a walk-over from Ma Wai-kwong (-1/6); Tong Siu-yuen (plus 15) beat Tsoi Tin-fook (plus 15.3/6), 6-3, 8-6.

MEN'S DOUBLES
Second Round:—Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yan-pui beat T. K. Lu and Wong Hok-nin, 8-6, 6-4.

Ho Ka-lau and Hung Wan-chiu beat Dew Chok-him and Yip Kuen-hung, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3.

CLUB HANDICAP DOUBLES
Third Round:—Law Ping-fan and Chan Hung-min (plus 2/6) beat Dew Chok-him and Lau Fook-kee (plus 15), 6-4, 6-2.

Tang Man-chiu and Liang Sai-wah (plus 4/6) beat Siu Tak-lam and Hon Lun-fung (-1/6), 6-1, 6-4.

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following is to-day's tennis Championship programme:

CLUB HANDICAP MIXED DOUBLES
Final

J. S. Theobald and Mrs. Torrible v B. O. M. Deane and Miss Smalley (Stand Court).

SATURDAY'S YACHTING

Only six of the contestants in the No. 1 Closing Cruise over 10 miles, held by the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club on Saturday, finished.

The event, which was for cruisers and four-tonners, was won by Mr. N. V. A. Croucher, "A" and mixed class contestants also failed to finish.

	Finished	Cortd. Posn.
La Cigale I	17.33.50	17.33.50 1
(Mr. N. V. A. Croucher)		
Yehonah	18.12.25	17.57.43 2
(Mr. Behrman)		
Sea Lark V	19.08.32	18.12.53 3
(Mr. W. J. Hansen)		
Norena	18.13.48	18.13.48 4
(Mr. P. C. M. Sedgwick)		
Typhoon	19.49.00	18.36.30 5
(Mr. L. Thomson)		
Azuna	19.12.01	18.44.31 6
(H. J. Pearce)		

The yachts which did not finish were the Oresund, Tai Wan Shan, Penguin, Red Rover, West Wind, Tyrone, Dorinda, Galavant, Ioha, Gnat, Curlew and Tern.

CRICKET AT HOME STARTS

Instead of the usual heralding with trumpets, the Cricket season made a modest beginning on Saturday with several minor matches.

The London Fire Service, taking a well-earned relaxation, again stole the lime light by opening the season at Lord's against Reading University, who won by seven wickets.—Reuter.

S/Sgt. Minnihan, of Royal Army Service Corps and Hon. Secretary of Army Football Referees' Association, will be leaving the Colony soon.

MACAO RACES CASH SWEEPS

Following are the cash sweep results of the Macao Race meeting held yesterday:—

RACE 1		
No.	226	\$318.40
"	356	90.90
"	36	45.50
Ticket Nos. 147 and 193, \$23.20 each.		

RACE 2		
No.	369	\$264.00
"	18	75.40
"	74	37.70
Ticket No. 594, \$20.90.		

RACE 3		
No.	136	\$292.10
"	84	83.40
"	102	41.70
Ticket No. 314, \$46.30.		

RACE 4		
No.	387	\$295.70
"	163	84.50
"	118	42.20
Ticket No. 358, \$46.90.		

RACE 5		
No.	04703	\$7,494.98
"	11052	2,141.42
"	16883	1,070.71
Ticket Nos. 04142, 01502, 23890, 08469, 10344, 08201, 09011, 22436, 15260, 20471 and 21106, \$108.15 each.		

MACAO RACE MEETING

Following are the results of the Macao Jockey Club meeting held yesterday:—

1—"The Kwan Chap Handicap" (1st Section), Six Furlongs.
Piet Hein, 154 lb. (J. Nolasco) 1

Dow-Jones, 142 lb. (S. W. Pan) 2
Heddon, 156 lb. (L. B. Chao) 3

Also ran:—New Bedford, 132 lb. (R. K. C. Chui); and Radium Star, 153 lb. (P. P. Botelho).

5 starters. Time: 31.1, 1.03.1, 1.35. Distance: Short head; 3 lengths. Pari-Mutuel:—Winner \$19.90; Places: 1st \$10.20; 2nd \$8.70.

2—"The Kwan Chap Handicap" (2nd Section), Six Furlongs.
Mac's Adventure, 153 lb. (P. P. Botelho) 1

Sports Venture, 147 lb. (J. Nolasco) 2
Black Diamond, 155 lb. (L. B. Chao) 3

Also ran:—Hopeful Time, 147 lb. (R. K. C. Chui); and National Anthem, 140 lb. (S. W. Pan).

5 starters. Time: 32.4, 1.05.2, 1.37.4. Distance: 2 lengths; 2 lengths. Pari-Mutuel:—Winner \$13.20; Places: 1st \$7.60; 2nd \$8.70.

3—"The Kwan Chap Handicap" (3rd Section), Six Furlongs.
The Mermaid, 153 lb. (P. P. Botelho) 1

Cloudy Star, 155 lb. (L. B. Chao) 2
Eagle, 153 lb. (R. K. C. Chui) 3

Also ran:—National Triumph, 149 lb. (S. W. Pan).

4 starters. Time: 36, 1.11.2, 1.45.2. Distance: 2 lengths; A length. Pari-Mutuel:—Winner \$8.90; Places: 1st \$5.90; 2nd \$8.90.

4—"The Nam Wan Handicap" 6ix Furlongs.
West Lake, 155 lb. (L. B. Chao) 1

Lovely Star, 159 lb. (P. P. Botelho) 2
King's Worthy, 132 lb. (R. K. C. Chui) 3

Also ran:—Royal Highness, 138 lb. (S. W. Pan)

4 starters. Time: 27.3, 57.1, 1.29.3. Distance: 1/2 length; A length. Pari-Mutuel:—Winner \$16.50; Places: 1st \$6.50; 2nd \$6.00.

5—"The Chairman's Cup" One Mile.
Hogmanay, 150 lb. (W. N. Yeh) 1

Fairy Ousel, 150 lb. (S. W. Pan) 2
Meadow Eve, 154 lb. (L. B. Chao) 3

Also ran:—Fairy Auk, 147 lb. (R. K. C. Chui); and Rotheray Bay, 153 lb. (P. P. Botelho).

5 starters. Time: 55.2, 1.10.4, 1.46, 2.20. Distance: 1/2 length; Many lengths. Pari-Mutuel:—Winner \$15.50; Places: 1st \$7.00; 2nd \$6.00.

HOME RUGBY

Results of Rugby matches played on Saturday were:

League Cup, semi-final.—Leeds 10, Bradford Northern 10; Halifax 11, Wakefield Trinity 2.

Friendly.—Huddersfield 45, Hull 17.—Reuter.

SCANDINAVIA'S GOOD WIN

Christensen And Ongstad Beat Strong British Pair

Finest Conditions For Years

(By A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)

IT WAS GENERALLY ACKNOWLEDGED BY OARSMEN, WHO TOOK PART IN LAST SATURDAY'S ROWING REGATTA AT MIDDLE ISLAND, THAT THE WEATHER AND WATER CONDITIONS WERE THE FINEST EXPERIENCED IN YEARS AND THE PROGRAMME WAS ENTIRELY IN KEEPING WITH THIS FACTOR.

Outstanding features of the day were the defeat of the English International Pair by Scandinavia and three extremely close races, the International Fours, the Scratch Fours and the First heat of the Open Sculls championship. This latter provided a thrilling curtain-raiser, when Corneek unexpectedly beat Pidduck by a bare two feet after a ding-dong struggle.

The Junior Pairs race followed in which Ongstad and Christensen beat van Heuven and de Haan, by two lengths. This race also constituted the first heat of the International Pairs, the winners represented Scandinavia and the losers Holland.

Eastgate easily disposed of Dixon in the second heat of the Sculls, the latter being slightly at fault in his navigation.

Repeat Victory

In the Junior International Fours race England repeated their last season's victory, beating Holland by four lengths. The latter crew are the heaviest to have rowed here for some time, their average weight being in excess of 176 lb. The English were stroked by Noel Booker and crossed the line well together with plenty in hand.

Scandinavia's victory in the International Pairs final came as a surprise to all.

It had been generally expected that Colls and Carter would maintain their reputation as the Club's senior pair. Their rowing was undoubtedly more stylish than their opponents' but Christensen appeared to force the pace with tremendous power. The Scandinavians thoroughly deserved their victory, as they had trained rigorously for some time past.

Eastgate won the Doo Minnett Challenge Cup for Sculls for the second successive year after a close fight with Corneek. The latter put up a gallant effort, rowing in his third race of the day.

Scots' Retain Shield

Scotland retained the International Fours Shield, also for the second successive year, despite a strong challenge from the English. Both crews got away to a good start with England ahead. Colls was not hurrying his men and it was apparent that they were well together, leading for the greater part of the course by half a length.

Approaching "The Narrows" both crews spurred and Scotland closed up at the steps. With a superb burst of power they then urged their boat across the finish with half a length in hand.

Moodle is to be congratulated on a fine piece of Wavellian timing.

It is worthy of note that the last four International IV clashes have been keenly contested, the total margin being less than half a length.

England have seemingly worked on the "this year, next year, sometime" system.

The Scratch Fours saw three boats start and resulted in a win for Eastgate's crew by half a length from Nelson's crew, with Christensen's boat slightly astern. Eastgate's crew was well balanced, with two "Dutch Heavies," van Heuven and de Haan in the "Engine Room" and Corneek at the bow. D. B. Nelson was the Cox.

The two new Fours were being used for the first time and with ideal weather conditions this resulted in the Scotsmen setting up record time in the International Fours Race over the full course (7/8 mile).

Owing to the long spell of wet weather, The Polo Club, Gymkhana is unavoidably postponed to Saturday, May 24.

GOUGH & HOWLETT SUCCESSFUL

To mark the opening of the new lounge at Police Canteen, Central Police Station, a friendly snooker and darts match was played on Friday evening between members of the Hong Kong and Kowloon contingents, the latter winning both tournaments.

Finals of the snooker and darts competitions, confined to members of the Canteen, were also decided during the evening, C. Gough winning the snooker from C. Goodwin and Howlett beating W. Billingham in the darts.

Shell Sports Club, who engaged in a number of friendly inter-Hong water-polo matches last year, will find it difficult to play as many games this Summer owing to increased Volunteer duties.

PROMINENT SPORTSMEN LEAVING

(By Squaddy")

Middlesex Regiment will soon be losing two of their most prominent sportsmen in Sgt. Freshwater and Pte. Berry.

Sgt. Freshwater has represented the Battalion for the past 10 years at athletics, Rugby, soccer, cricket, swimming and hockey, though he has been most prominent in soccer circles.

He has played in a large number of representative soccer games while in Hong Kong, and there is no competition in which he has not participated at some time or another.

In 1939 he represented the Col. only in Manila and would have secured further recognition against Shanghai, Macao and Saigon last year had he been able to secure leave.

Berry has represented his Battalion and Army at water-polo and Rugby and has also been in the Combined Services' pack on several occasions. He has also been a member of the Battalion athletic team for the past four years.



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THOUSANDS RESCUED BY AIR FROM GREECE

R.A.F. Part In Evacuation

Biggest Task Of The Campaign

THE GREAT PART PLAYED BY THE R.A.F. IN THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE EMPIRE FORCES FROM GREECE WAS TOLD YESTERDAY BY THE AIR MINISTRY NEWS SERVICE.

Men and women, it says, were evacuated by the R.A.F. while British fighters, heavily outnumbered, guarded the continuous stream of ships that went back and forth.

The order for withdrawal set the R.A.F. the biggest task of the campaign, it says. Bombers, flyingboats, captured enemy aircraft and British fighters played an outstanding part in getting Empire troops safely away.

All day and all night aircraft of every type—bombers, flyingboats, training machines and civil aircraft, packed to capacity with

human cargo, flew to safety and returned for more.

The R.A.F. has countless stories of gallantry to tell of the evacuation.

In addition to thousands of men and women brought away by air, thousands more were guarded as they made the journey in big and little ships.

Greatest Triumph

The personnel of the no longer existing British Air Forces in Greece scored perhaps the greatest triumph of six months' arduous campaigning and though the R.A.F. suffered heavy losses the enemy suffered far greater.

When, owing to the enemy break through on the left flank, the army commanders decided to withdraw to a new line, the R.A.F. suffered the severest blow of the campaign.

They were forced back to two or three bases only and to the odd temporary landing grounds they had used at the start.

All the new aerodromes which had been built were lost or were too close to the enemy lines to be used.

The enemy hammered the few remaining bases continuously so it became impossible to obtain replacements of aircraft.

Great Damage

Nevertheless available planes took off all the time and inflicted great damage on the enemy forces.

Details of the campaign before Germany invaded Greece show that at the end of six months' arduous fighting against Italy, R.A.F. bombers had carried out more than 300 raids and nearly 300 aircraft were confirmed as destroyed in the air, besides a huge total of aircraft damaged in the air and on the ground.—Reuter.

RAMSAY MUIR PASSES

RAMSAY MUIR, ONE OF THE MOST PROMINENT MEMBERS OF THE LIBERAL PARTY AND A NOTED WRITER ON HISTORICAL, POLITICAL, MUNICIPAL AND ECONOMIC SUBJECTS, DIED YESTERDAY AGED 69.

He resigned his University professorship and became Member of Parliament and Chairman of the National Liberal Federation for three years.—Reuter.

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DANGEROUS TRADE IN BREST

"Owing to the British bombing raids on Brest," where the Scharnhorst and Gneisenau are lying, Admiral Darlan, according to a Paris despatch to the official German news agency, has decided that all workers in Brest harbour who are heads of families shall receive an additional allowance of 300 francs a month.—Reuter.

MATSUOKA WEARY OF TRAVEL?

Discarding suggestions that he should go to the United States, Mr. Matsuoka, in an interview at Kyoto yesterday, asserted it would be far more appropriate for President Roosevelt or Mr. Cordell Hull to come to Tokyo to learn about conditions existing in the Orient.

"I have studied America. I

know Americans. I can grasp the real situation now existing in the United States but I doubt whether President Roosevelt or Mr. Hull can grasp the true situation in the Far East.

"I believe Japanese-American problems could easily be solved if President Roosevelt or Mr. Hull visited Japan rather than my going to the United States."—Reuter.

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STOP PRESS

A running "battle" between a Chinese doctor and two barbers in Temple Street was witnessed by a large crowd at 10 o'clock this morning.

The Chinese doctor had to be removed to the Hospital.

This afternoon, the nightsoil marchers, having moved out of the Government House region, were staging a "sit-down" outside the General Post Office, on the waterfront side.

The emergency unit under A.S.P. Luscombe was in attendance, but the demonstrators were refusing to move, insisting that they had no money and nowhere to go.

At 3.10 p.m. there were signs that the demonstrators were about to march again, and it was understood that the intention was to proceed en masse in support of a "deputation" which would seek an interview with the four Chinese Unofficial Members of Councils.

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